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PREFACE.

THE present volume is the third of a series, containing selections from the ancient Records of the Burgh of Stirling; and thus the work which was so well begun by the Town Council of the Burgh, and continued under the auspices of the Glasgow Stirlingshire and Sons of the Rock Society, is in the meantime brought to a close. In these volumes an effort has been made to present in an accessible form the principal items of historical and social interest preserved in the Records; and though, on account of the mass of material dealt with, omission and compression had to be largely practised, it is hoped that the object aimed at will be found to have been fairly well attained. During the period over which the selections extend, 1124-1752, there are many gaps in the narrative of events, owing to the loss of books and documents, but from 1597 onwards the continuity is better maintained, as all the subsequent Council Minutes have been preserved.

For the completion of the undertaking at this particular time, we are specially indebted to Sir MICHAEL CONNAL. Having taken a leading part in promoting the issue of the previous volume, and knowing something of the materials that still remained, Sir MICHAEL was fully persuaded of the importance of proceeding farther; and being apprehensive that, if the work was not accomplished while the subject was still fresh in the minds of those who had interested themselves in it, its continuation might be indefinitely postponed, he, with characteristic decision and zeal in a good cause, authorised the preparation of the volume now produced.

The book consists chiefly of selections from the Council Minutes, ranging from 1667 to 1752; but it is enriched from other sources, notably the Accounts of the Burgh. Of the existence of these I was not aware when

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preparing the previous volume; but the opportunity has now been taken of giving extracts, beginning with the earliest—though of a date anterior to the Minutes. The Accounts are not in an unbroken series, and the earlier ones are merely abstracts; but it is gratifying to find many interesting incidental allusions to current events at particular junctures in history, such as the environment of Stirling by Cromwell's troops in 1651, and the subsequent occupation of the town by the English; the Revolution of 1688, and the efforts made at that time to quell disturbances in the Highlands; and the Rebellions of 1715 and 1745.

Another record (Protocol Book, 1469-84) has been used, though only to a necessarily limited extent (Appendix I.). Stray leaves from this Protocol had been examined, and abstracts of some of the entries given in the previous publications[1]; but since then the remainder and principal part of the book has been discovered. Being the oldest record now in the possession of the burgh, and being full of allusions to persons and property in Stirling and district, its examination—for which a newly prepared Table of Contents, containing a brief summary of each entry, affords convenient facility—may be commended to those desirous of investigating local family history.

Appendix IV., "Extracts from the Guildry Records," has been contributed by Mr. WILLIAM B. COOK, editor of the *Stirling Sentinel.* Mr. COOK had investigated these records some years ago, and made copious extracts; and on learning that I intended to examine them for the purposes of this volume, he generously placed his work at my disposal, and afterwards took the trouble of selecting from his collections what is printed, and revising the proof-sheets. For revisal, access to the original records had to be obtained, and this was courteously given by their custodier, Mr. R. MACLUCKIE, Clerk to the Guildry.

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[1] Stirling Charters, Appendix II.; Stirling Records, 1519-1666, Appendix I.

Mr. DAVID DONALDSON, author of the Supplement to Jamieson's Scottish Dictionary, to whom, while preparing last volume, I was indebted for solving many of the phraseological puzzles occurring in the earlier records, and for his aid with the Glossary, has kindly supplied the Glossary to the present volume. Not only so, but he has also read over all the proof-sheets, and made amendments where necessary: one of the good results of which is that the book possesses, in a greater degree than is usually found in similar works, the eloquence of correct punctuation.

In the Plan prefixed to the volume Mr. A. B. M'DONALD, C.E., Glasgow, has exercised his professional skill in delineating the main features of the town and its surroundings as they existed about the year 1700. For the more thorough accomplishment of his object Mr. M'DONALD, in addition to his own local knowledge and the information he has gleaned by a pains-taking examination of the Records and other sources, has had the privilege of perfecting the Plan in conjunction with Bailie RONALD and Mr. GALBRAITH, Town-Clerk, both of whom possess exceptional knowledge of the subject. The Plan may therefore be regarded as being the nearest approach to correctness and reliability now attainable.

For the kind aid which the esteemed Town-Clerk of the burgh has afforded me while engaged in the preparation of these volumes of Stirling Records I must be allowed to express my grateful acknowledgment. Mr. GALBRAITH has throughout been ever ready and anxious to trace and furnish records and documents, and to assist in other respects, without regard to the trouble and encroachment on his time; always, indeed, manifesting such an interest in the work as to make communication with him on the subject of the Records a pleasure.

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EXTRACTS

FROM THE

RECORDS OF THE BURGH OF STIRLING.

1 *January* 1667.

The provest, baillie Stevinson, dean of gild, and conveener, made report that they had met with Mr. James Forsith and shown him the dissatisfaction of the merchands and trads to consent to the calling and presenting of Mr. John Hay till they hear him preach, and Mr. James ansuer was that there was no possibilitie for that unles they would goe to his awin church and heare him; but, seing the counsell had once aggried to present him, they cannot pas from it till Mr. John give a refuisall; and for Mr. James pairt, incase the councill be negligent, he would ather seek out for an uther plaice or els mean himself to the supream judicatorie for a helper.

Report anent Mr. John Hay.

18 *February* 1667.

The dean of gild, conveener, and deacons, made report, as of before, that their severall brethreen will not at all consent to the calling and presenting of Mr. John Hay to be second minister till they heare him preach.

Report anent Mr. John Hay.

23 *March* 1667.

Compeired Walter Cowan, present visitor of the maltmen, and being desired be the councill to give his aith that he sall faithfullie visite the haill malt made within this burgh and report the insufficiency therof everie counsell day, that the faulteris may be punished, and to take the oath of alledgeance and subscrive the declaratione, sieing he is a person of publict trust, the said Walter was willing to give his aith *de fideli administratione,* but refuised to

Walter Cowane, visitor, refuised by the counsell.

Walter Cowane, visitor, refuised by the counsell.

take the oath of alledgeance and subscrive the declaratione; and, therfore, the magistrats and counsell refuises to admitt him with their auctoritie to the exercise of the said charge as visitor; and seing he hes exercised the said office be the maltmens election, without takeing the said oath of alledgeance and subscriveing the said declaration, he is to be ansuerable to the censure of the privie counsell for the same.

Over Hospital well.

Recomendis to the provest [and five others] to meet with Mr. James Forsith, minister, and take a vew of the Over Hospital well, and to caus build a dyke about the same for preservatione of the yaird from those that getis water out of the well.

1 *June* 1667.

Marqueis of Montrois and utheris, burgesses and gild.

The proveist, baillies, and counsell, receaves and admittis the persons following to the libertie and fredome of burgesses and gild brether of the said burgh, gratis, viz., James marqueis of Montrois, lord Graham and Mugdock, Robert lord Carnegie, Sir Robert Douglas of Tulliwhillie, Sir Thomas Ker of Fairnilie, John Dundas of Barronshall, Mr. Robert Cockburn, major John Sympson, captain John Dunbar, captain John Nairn, [and certain "servitors" and others, thirteen in all. Also six "servitors" admitted "to the libertie and freedome of burgesses and neighbouris."]

28 *August* 1667.

Towns chartour and great seale.

James Norie, clerke, produced againe the towns great chartour and great seale which was in his custodie and are delyverit to the dean of gild and conveener to be put upe, the chartour into the chartourhous and the seale in the boill of the counsell hous.

16 *September* 1667.

Carnegies troops quarterings.

Nominatis James Norie, clerk, to ryd to Paisley with the comptis of quarterings dew be the lord Carnegies troop to this burgh and to get payment therof before they be disbanded.

23 *September* 1667.

Oath of alledgeance.

Alexander Jack and Robert Andersone, new counsellers, tooke the oath of alledgeance to our Soveraigne Lord and subscrivit the declaration of parliament; and John Matthison, chosen deacon of the cordinars be their craft, and refuising to take the said oath, was removed.

18 *November* 1667.

The magistrats and councill hes aggried with Mr. James Forsith, minister, for a tack to be granted be him to the towns thesaurer, for the towns behove, of the small teind or viccarage of the haill yairds within the said burgh of Sterling and territorie thereof, with the viccarage and small teind of the haill salmond cobles upon the water of Forth that properlie belongs to the said burgh and payes immediatly their duetie to them, with the viccarage teind of that frie coble perteaning to the lands of Raploch, and that uther free coble belonging to the lands of Shiphaugh, and that for the space of the said Mr. James his service of the cure at the kirk of Sterling, for payment yearelie be the said thesaurer to the said Mr. James of the soume of thriescore poundis Scottis money yearelie. **Small viccarage.**

10 *February* 1668.

The councill, conforme to the custome observit be their predicessouris, ordeanes the town thesaurer to pay to James Stevinson, present provest, the thriescore pounds Scotts receavit fra John Ferguson, chyrurgion, for his freedome as gild brother; which, with twa hundered merkes the said provest is to receave from the gild thesaurer, is to be in satisfaction to him of an gild brothers entrie which he is to get, being once provest. **Provest, 60 li.**

24 *February* 1668.

Ordeans James Brown, thesaurer, to send to Holland for a new bell to the town knock as big as the tollbuith steeple will receave; and the size of the said bell to be sent over. **New bell to the knock.**

18 *April* 1668.

Ordeans the clerke to write to Hugh Stevinsone, servand to Sir Peter Wedderburn, to know quhat is the first dyet of the privie councillis sitting, that supplication may be made to their lordships for removeing the castell sojeris that are quartered in this town to their owin garrisone. **Castell sojeris.**

13 *June* 1668.

The proveist, baillies, dean of gild, and thesaurer, made report to the councill that they had mett with the commissioners of excise and justices of the peace of the shire, in order to the setlement of the militia of the shire and towne, and at their last meeting it was concluded that a particulare list be **Report annent the militia.**

Report annent the militia.

given in of all the fencible men within the shire and town, and that the Earle of Callander, collonell, and the commissioners, had put it to the magistrats and councill to make choyse of a captain, leiftennent, and ensigne, within themselves; quhilk being considered be the councill, they have unanimouslie recommended to the saids magistrats, dean of gild, and thesaurer to take upe a particuler list of all the fencible men within the said burgh, be the constables or other persons whome they shall think fitt to choise, that it may be given in with the rest of the lists of the shire at the next meeting, and to nominat and setle with the fittest persons they can have within the town to be captain, leiftennent, and ensigne.

24 *June* 1668.

Commission anent the militia.

Report being made that the commissioners of excise and justices of the peace for the shire had past from the listing of all fencible persones, and hes resolved to outreike the militia conform to the levies in anno 1648, and therafter, and that they have imposed upon the town a proportion of the troope horse or as many foot in lew therof as they alledge the town was formerlie in use to doe; and the counsell finding it contrair to former custome, or the custome of any burgh in Scotland, to put out troope horse, have therfore comisionat [the provost and six others] to repair presentlie to the lords of his Majesties privie councill and to supplicat their lordships for exemption of all proportion of hors and to debeat against the shire theranent, and nowayes to condiscend to any proportion of hors without the counsell determin the contrary.

29 *June* 1668.

Aggriement for towns proportion of militia.

The provest, baillies, dean of gild, and thesaurer, made report that as they were readdie to goe to Edinburgh to the lords of privie counsell for supplicating exemption to the town of all proportion of horse in this present militia, the earle of Callander and the rest of the commissioners desired to compose and setle the difference peaceably amongst themselves without publict debeat, which they aggried unto; and having mett togither they have aggried and condiscended with the saids commissioners that the town sall onelie outreik and put out, as their full proportione of the haill six hundered thrie score six footmen and foure score eight horsemen imposed upon the shires of Sterling and Clakmanan and burghs within the same, the number of fyftie footmen sufficientlie armed with twa pairts muskets and thrie pairt pikes.

27 *July* 1668.

The councill nominatis and appoyntis the baillies, dean of gild, theasurer, and conveener, to take upe a list of all the fencible persons within this burgh that out of the said list the fyftie footmen may be chosen out, with consent of the captan, for the towns proportion of the militia, and for encouragement of the saids sojers so to be chosen the counsell allowes six shilling Scottis to be given each of them at their ontakeing, uther six shilling to ilk an of them quhen they receave their armes, six shilling every an of the muster dayes of the yeare, and six pounds Scottis to ilk an of them for an years service to such as will not accept of their freedome as burgesses and neighbouris for them and their childreen; and such as will accept of their said freedome are to have the same for them and their childreen in als great force as if they payed for the same. **Act annent the militia.**

17 *August* 1668.

Certane overtouris being made in councill what may the charges and expences depursit and to be depursit for paying of the officers and sojers of the towns militia and buying of armes, and other contingent charges to be expended in relation to the said militia, may be best payed, it was concluded and aggried upon, by pluralitie of voices, that the samyn be stentit and imposed upon the severall incorporations proportionablie, as the second ministers stipend is imposed and collected, till some other easier way be condiscended upon be the magistrats and counsell for defraying the saids charges for the futur. **Expences of the militia.**

29 *August* 1668.

The magistrats and councill, upon report made be the deacon conveener and remanent deacones, that their crafts hes absolutelie refuised to consent to an imposition of twentie shilling upon ilk boll malt for defraying the townes debtis and publict charges, it was concluded and aggried upon, by pluralitie of voices, that supplication salbe made be the councill to the Kings Majestie and his privie counsell for the said imposition; against the quhilk John Galloway, deacon conveener, for himself and in name of the haill crafts, protested. **Act for supplicating imposition on malt.**

21 *September* 1668.

The magistrats and counsell, considering the great expence upon the town in paying twentie foure shilling Scottis, weeklie, to Robert Mein, post- **Newes letteres and Gazets quat.**

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master in Edinburgh, for newes letteres and gazets, and that in this peaceable tyme there is no necessitie to be at such a charge, they have therefore quat the said Robert from continowing any longer in sending any moe newes letteres or gazetts to this town till they be farder advysed.

13 *October* 1668.

Recommendation anent Mr. Patrik Murray to be second minister.

The proveist, baillies, and councill, considering it were fit and expedient, after soe long vaccancie of the second ministeris place of the said burgh, there were some effectuall course taken for planting the same; and having heard one Mr. Patrick Murray, expectant at Gask, preach here these twa Sabboathes last, they unanimouslie declare themselves weell satisfied with his doctrine, and upon the testimonie they have seen and heard of his good life and conversatione they resolve to call him to be second minister of this burgh and to grant him a presentation thereto. [Opinions of guildry, crafts, maltmen, mechanicks and omnigatherum to be obtained.]

17 *October* 1668.

Report anent Mr. Patrik Murray.

The dean of gild, conveener, deacons of crafts, visitor of the maltmen, and representatives of the mechanicks and omnigatherum, made report to the councill that their severall incorporationes are weell satisfied with the doctrin of Mr. Patrik Murray, expectant, and with the councillis purpose and intention to grant him a presentatione to be second minister of this burgh.

28 *November* 1668.

Anent a merke on the boll malt.

The magistrats and councill, nevertheles of the statutis latelie made appoynteing the pynt of ale to be sold for xiiij d., yet whatever brewers are willing to grant to the town an merke Scottis of ilk boll malt to be brewed be them, for defraying the charges of the towns militia, they shall have libertie to take for their ale what they pleas.

11 *March* 1669.

New bell to the knok.

The councill appoynts the thesaurer to send over the old knok bell to Holland and to caus cast a good new one, and the new bell which came home for the Over Hospitall to be put upe and hung in the kirk steeple, and the bell that is for the present in the knok hous to be hung upe in the steeple of the said hospitall.

5 *April* 1669.

The magistrats and councill, considering that divers persons, burgesses, gild brether, and neighbouris of this burgh, hes deserted the same and removed themselves and familie to the cuntrey and uther burghs to reside in, contrair to the acts of burrowes and counsell of this burgh, therfore the saids magistrats and counsell statuts and enacts that all such persones sall ather return to this burgh and reside therin, and bear their proportion of watching, warding, and all other impositions, with the rest of the neighbouris and inhabitantis, certifieing such as failyies they sall amitt and lose their said freedome for them and their posteritie in all tyme therafter.

Against freemen that hes desertet the town.

Report was made be the proveist, baillies, dean of gild, and conveener, that they have setled with Mr. Patrik Murray, now their second minister, to pay him twelve hundered merkis Scottis yearelie for his stipend and twa hundered merkis yearelie for his mans and gleib.

Setlement with Mr. Patrik Murray for stipend.

11 *October* 1669.

The proveist, baillies, and councill of the said burgh, being conveened, report was made be the deacon conveener and remanent deacones that none of their trads will consent to any impositioun to be imposit upon the boll malt for defraying the charges of the militia this last yeare and in tyme comeing; quhilk being considered be the saids magistrats and councill, and conceaveing that the common good of the said burgh is not able to defray the same, therefore they have unanimouslie aggried that a perfyt list of all the fencible men within the said burgh, betwixt sixtie and sixteen yeares of age, be taken upe presentlie be the baillies of their severall quarters; and quhatever expences is alreaddie depursit upon the militia that a stent be imposit for the same upon ilk person be the head. And quhatever master sall conceale any prenteis or servant he is to be lyable for the said concealed person himselfe.

Anent the charges of the militia.

The magistrats and councill appoyntis the thesaurer to caus make six double and six single ledders for the townes use, and not to lend them to any persone without fourtie shilling for ilk lend, and to buy twa dozen of leather bucketts, and a green cloath for the counsell table.

Ledders and buckets and green cloath.

8 *November* 1669.

The proveist, baillies, and councill, takeing to consideration the great debt dew be the said burgh and the daylie increase thereof through the

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manifold burdeens layed upon the same, which the common good of the said burgh is not able to defray; therefore, by pluralitie of voices, they have aggried that all means be asseyed for a gift to be had from the Kings Majestie for an imposition upon the malt brewed within the said burgh for defraying the charges of the towns militia, and payment of the towns debts, repairing of the tolbuith, and uther publict charges of the said burgh, and recomends to the magistrats, dean of gild, and conveener to purchas the same upon the towns charges. [This act rescinded 7th October 1671.]

31 *October* 1670.

Councill every first Saturnday of ilk moneth.

Aggried that there be a councill keept every first Saturnday of ilk moneth in all tyme comeing for treating upon the common affaires of the said burgh, and the haill members are requyred carefullie to keep the same, but prejudice alwayes to keep oftner dyets as occasion sall requyre.

7 *January* 1671.

Bridge over Bannokburn.

Recomendis to the minister to acquaint the kirk session that a collection be gathered at the kirk upon a Sabboath for helping to build a stone bridge in the Kers of Polmais over Bannokburn water.

4 *February* 1671.

Collection for the bridge.

Report was made be the magistrats that a collection was gathered for the bridge over Bannokburn in the Kers, but the same was verie inconsiderable for supplie of such a worke, and therefor they recomend to the magistrats to help the same as they sall think fit.

1 *April* 1671.

Act in favours of mechanics.

The proveist, baillies, and councill, takeing to their consideration the hurt and prejudice that is done to the wrights, coopares, glassinwrights, litstares, and sklaitters, free burgesses and inhabitants within the said burgh, in suffering strangers of the saids callings, and not freemen nor residenters within the same bearing burdeen with the rest, to worke within the said burgh, and to take prenteises for shorter space then uther trads doeth, and suffering them to set upe worke at their owin hands before they attaine any knowledge of their trade, wherethrow the saids freemen who are sufficientlie furnished to serve the inhabitants of the said burgh in their respective callings and trades

are rendered unable to bear their pairt of the common burdeens of the said burgh without remead be provyded; for remead quherof, in tyme comeing, the saids magistrats and councill statutis and ordeans that noe wright, coopare, glassinwright, litstare, or sklaitter, not being freemen and inhabitants within the said burgh, salbe suffered to worke their saids trades within the libertie of the said burgh in tyme comeing till first they be enterit burgesses and neighbours of the said burgh be the magistrats and councill and pay therefore as uther strangers are in use to pay, and reside and beare all publict burdeens with the rest of the neighbours of the said burgh; and that none of the freemen of the callings foresaid take any prenteises in tyme comeing for shorter space then fyve yeares, under the paine of an unlaw to be exacted be the saids magistrats and councill; provyded alwayes that the saids freemen of the callings foresaid worke at as easie rates and pryces as heretofore hes been wrought at, and incase of differences or complaints to be made therannent that they be alwayes regulat be the magistrats for the tyme.

Act in favours of mechanics.

3 *June* 1671.

The magistrats and counsell, takeing to consideratioun the desire of James Russell, dean of gild, in name of the gildrie, craveing libertie to sett upe a cran at the shore upon the gildries expences, for the common use of the gildbrether, doe hereby grant libertie to the said gildrie to set upe the said cran for the use foresaid and to build a litle hous at the shore for keeping the towes from rain.

Cran at the shore.

The magistrats and councill, considering the great abuse heretofore comitted within this burgh by woole sellers, especiallie the cuntrey people, bringing in their woole to the mercat and selling the same be thrie howers in the morning; for preventing of which abuse in tyme comeing, they have statute and ordeaned that no woole seller whatsomever presume hereafter to open their sheets or packs, or sell any sort of woole within this burgh, on the calsey or in shops and houses, till seavin howers in the morning, under the paine of ten pounds ilk person.

Dischargeing woole to be sold till 7 houris in the morning.

31 *July* 1671.

The magistrats and councill, for preventing of a fyn to be imposed by the lords of privie councill for not mending the hie wayes, have ordeaned the town thesaurer to caus mend the way from the foot of the Mary Wynd to the bridge

Mending the way of the bridge.

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and to enlarge the same and imploy quarriers to levell the craigs therin and build a new dyke on the eist syde in upon the hospital croft.

2 *December* 1671.

Action anent the shereff gloves.

The magistrats and councill have nominat James Stevinson, proveist, and Robert Russell, baillie, to goe to Edinburgh, soe soon as adverteisment comes from the towns advocatis, and attend the calling of the sumonds raised be the Earle of Callander against the towne for the allegit staig and shirreff gloves acclamed be him.

6 *January* 1672.

Muck.

Ordeans that no muck or fuilyie be carried furth of the said burgh to lay upon any land but such as belongs to the said burgh and hospitallis, unles the transporters therof obleidge themselves to grind their victuall at the towns milnes and pay the ordinare multour therfore.

Annent the toun and landwart fleshouris.

The magistrats and councill, understanding that the flesh mercat is abused by the landwart fleshouris in bringing in to the mercat to be sold old kye with milk in their papes, and selling the same for huddron vaillis, by cutting aff the papes and lewers and priking them bak, and bringing in casten calfes unlicked and wanting the head and selling the same for good calf vaillis; for preventing of which abuse and uthers in tyme comeing, the saids magistratis and councill statutis and ordeans that noe landwart fleshour in tyme comeing bring in to the mercat to be sold any kye abone the age of foure yeares to be sold for huddron; and that all such kye and huddrons, and all calf vaillis brought in to be sold have their heads brought in with them uncutt off; and that noe ew be brought in to be sold by the landwart fleshouris or killed and sold be the town fleshouris from the first of Januar till Whitsonday yearelie, and that none of them kill nor sell any bull or toop from Michaelmes to Lambes yearlie; ilk person contraveening under the paine of fyve pounds and confiscatioun of the saids beasts.

Act against the landwart litstars.

The proveist, baillies and counsell, takeing to their consideratione the great hurt and prejudice susteaned be the litstares of this burgh through the abuse comitted be the litstares dwelling in landwart, who keeps houses within the said burgh for resett of all sorts of yairn and cloath brought to them by the neighbouris and cuntrey people to be litted, and bringing in and carrieing out of the samyn be themselves and their servantis, wherethrow the saids

town litstares are rendered unable to beare their pairt of the common burdeens of the said burgh; for remead quherof the saids proveist, baillies, and councill, statuts and ordeans that noe litstare dwelling in landwart, presume, after Candlemes next, ather be themselves, their servants, or uthers in their names, bring in any litted cloath or yairn within the said burgh, or carry any yairn or cloath furth of the same to be litted be them, nor yet that they keep any hous or shop to receave any cloath or yairn therin to be taken out and litted as said is, under the paine of confiscation of the said yairn and cloath, (if it be apprehended within the said burgh in their possession), and payment of ane unlaw of fyve pounds to the towns use; provyded alwayes the saids town litstares lit at as easie rates as the saids landwart litstares, and to be regulat be the saids magistrats and councill; and that it sall be lawfull to any neighbour or inhabitant of the said burgh, be themselves or their servantis, to carry furth of the said burgh their owin cloath and yairn to landwart to be litted be the saids landwart litstares and to bring in the same litted as said is.

Act againt the landwart litstars.

3 *February* 1672.

The magistrats and councill, considering the sad accidents latelie befallen in this burgh through the old ruinous houses within the same, pairt quherof hes killed some persons in their fall; for preventing of the lyke hazard in tyme comeing they nominat the haill baillies, with the dean of gild and conveener, to take some honest neighbouris and craftsemen and take a view of all the old waist houses within the severall quarters of the town, and to caus take down such as are ruinous and likelie to fall soe far as may prevent hazard in tyme comeing.

Act for demolishing old houses.

The thesaurer is ordeaned to send to London for twa dozen of leather buckets for the towns use.

Leather buckets.

16 *March* 1672.

The magistrats and councill appoyntis the masters of the Over Hospital to pay fourtie shilling Scots, weeklie, to each of the ordinares that are to reside in the said hospitall, for their aliement, and to lay in ane load of coallis to ilk chamber weeklie in the summer tyme and twa loads weeklie in the wintare tyme, and to furnishe candle necessary for their use.

Over Hospital.

The councill recommends to the saids magistrats, dean of gild, and thesaurer, to meett with the commissioners of the shire annent the towns

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proportion of the present leavie of foot imposed on this kingdome for his Majesties service, comonlie called the Blue Coats.

22 *April* 1672.

Charges of the sojers and seamen.

The magistrats and councill, takeing to their consideration the expences and charges alreaddie depursit and to be depursit be the town thesaurer out of the common good of the said burgh in the outreikeing of the twa land sojers and ane half sojer, with their cloaths and blue coatts, and the three seamen imposed on the said burgh be the lords of privie councill for his Majesties service of the fleet, togither with their transport money to Leith and Burntiland, which the said common good is not able to defray, they have therefore unanimouslie aggried that there be three monethes assesse casten on upon the inhabitants of the said burgh and territorie thereof for defraying the foresaids charges; and recommends to the magistrats to setle with such persons as will engadge for the said service at as easie rates as can be aggried upon. And nominats James Brown, baillie, to take twa footmen with him and conduct the twa land sojers to Leith and to delyver them to the captane and get a discharge; and nominats Robert Anderson, conveener, and uther twa footmen with him, to conduct and delyver the thrie seamen at Burntiland and to get a discharge to the town from such as hes power to receave them.

1 *June* 1672.

Gramer schoole.

The magistrats and councill, considering the manifold complaints against the master and doctours of the grammer schoole for their negligence and non proficiencie of the children therein, wherethrow the said schoole is decayed, to the great hurt and discredit of the burgh, they have unanimouslie aggried that the said master and doctours be discharged and their place vacand at Mertimes, and that no master or doctour be admitted in their place but by comon consent of the magistrats and haill councill.

15 *July* 1672.

Town pyper.

The magistrats and councill hes aggried with John Inneis, pyper, to be common pyper to the said burgh, and to accompany the drum every evening and morning as the custome was formerlie; and for his service they allow him twentie foure pounds Scotts yearlie for fie and cloathes, with ane hous to dwell

in or the meale of an hous; and grantis him the priviledge of playing to all penny brydellis within the said burgh. Town pyper.

8 *March* 1673.

The magistrats and councill hes condiscended that the horse race be run in the Brighaugh 15 dayes after Coopare race, and recomends to the magistrats, dean of gild, and conveener, to see the ground and caus provyd a silver cup as good as the former. Anent the horse race.

29 *March* 1673.

The magistrats and councill considering the differences that aryses betwixt the town and their fewers and heretors adjacent annent the mertches of their lands, which is occasioned by the want of mertch stones, and conceaveing that the most insensible way to procure the saids stons is by imposeing upon ilk burges and gildbrother at their entrie twentie foure shilling Scotts as the pryce therof, or els to furnish the said stones of the quantitie following; therefore they hereby enact that the burgesses and gildbrether to be enterit this day, and all such as salbe enterit hereafter, be obleidged at their entrie to pay in to the town thesaurer (beside their entrie money) tuentie four shilling Scotts for a mertch stone of thrie foot long and one foot square, of broatched worke, with the year of God hewin in figures on the upmest end, or els to furnish the said stone accordinglie at the thesaurers option. Act for mertch stones.

7 *June* 1673.

The magistrats and councill hes condiscended that an handsome sun dyall be sett upe in the hospitall yaird for the decorement thereof; and understanding that John Buchanan, mason, has ane good dyall to sell for that purpose, they nominat the saids magistrats, with the dean of gild and conveener, to setle with the said John thereanent as easie as they can, and to caus sett upe the same in the said yaird; and the masters of the said over hospitall to pay the pryce therof as salbe aggried upon. Dyall to the Over Hospitall yaird.

5 *July* 1673.

Receaves and admittis the persons following to the libertie and freedome of burgesses and gild brether gratis, viz., Williame Andersone of Clayslop, provest of Glasgow, John Somervell of Townhead, provest of Ranfrew, William Wallace, late baillie of Glasgow, Hugh Nisbet, late baillie there, George Proveist of Glasgow and uthers burgesses and gild.

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Anderson, town clerke, there, Alexander Knox, merchand there, David Spence town clerk of Rutherglen, John Cunynghame, sone to John Cunynghame, provest of Dumbarton, and Robert Davie, servitor to the said proveist of Glasgow.

11 *August* 1673.

Grammer schoole.

The magistrats and councill, considering the vaccancie of the grammer schoole of the said burgh, through decease of Mr. Thomas Ronnald, last schoolemaster, they recommend to the magistrats, dean of gild, and conveener, to speake to the ministers and take their advyce in the planting of the said schoole with ane able schoolemaster.

16 *August* 1673.

Report annent a schoolemaster.

The magistrats, dean of gild, and conveener, made report that they had mett with the ministers, and after conference togither annent the persons in leit to be master of the grammer schoole, they have concluded that master William Brown, master of the grammer schoole of Culros, is the fittest person to supplie that charge; which report was approven of be the councill, provyding the said Mr. Williame be content to accept and submitt hinself to the laws of the land.

15 *September* 1673.

Setlement with Mr. William Browne, schoolemaster.

The magistrats, dean of gild, and conveener, made report to the councill that they, with advyce and consent of the ministers, have setled with Mr. William Brown to be schoolemaster of the grammer schoole of this burgh, and hes subscrivit ane minute of aggriement with him, whose entrie is to be at Mertimes next and is to continow for an year and langer dureing the magistrats and councills pleasour, and his fiall to be foure hundered merkis yearelie, and to enjoy the casualities that the deceast Mr. Thomas Ronnald injoyed.

22 *September* 1673.

Glovers.

The magistrats and counsell being informed that Thomas Campbell, deacon of the glovers, did not give upe to the counsell a just leit of the persons of his craft who were chosen be his brethreen, but that Hugh M'Hewn, being one who was chosen be voyce to be in the leit, the said Thomas held him out and pat in John M'Ley in his stead who was not leited; therefore they ordeane the haill trade to be warned to the nixt counsell day

that tryall may be taken of the truth therof and the person guiltie of giveing upe the said unjust leit punished. **Glovers.**

4 *October* 1673.

The magistratts and counsell unlawes Thomas Campbell, glover, in the sowme of fourtie pounds for the wrong late given in be him, in respect of his confessioune, and to remaine in waird till he pay the same and farder dureing the magistratts will. **Thomas Campbell unlawed.**

3 *January* 1674.

The proveist produced ane ordour from his Majesties high commissioner for quartering thrie companies of his Majesties regiment of guard, dated the 13 December 1673, ordoureing the magistratts to delyver upe to the commander in cheife the keyes of the bridge and ports; which ordour is delivered to the dean of gild and convener to be putt in the boill. **Quartering of thrie companies.**

28 *February* 1674.

Approves of Robert Russall, proveist, and Thomas Bachope, baillie, ther report annent Alexander Burnes denunciatione of the magistratts, and ordaines ther charges to be peyed out of the first end of the conventicle keepers fynes, and what furder charges is expedient nor what the saids fynes will satisfie the thesaurer is ordained to satisfie the same. **Denunciatione of the magistrats; conventicle fynes.**

Ordaines Robert Andersone, conveener, and Oliver Murray, their clerk deput, to goe to Edinburgh annent the letteres intrusted to their charge for summonding of the conventicle keepers in Patrick Thomsones house, upone the 15 of February last, and ther charges to be payed out of the first end of the conventicle fynes, and what they will not satisfie the thessaurer is to pay the same. **Anent Patrick Thomsone his conventickle.**

7 *April* 1674.

Recoments to the dean of gild for the gildrie, the deacone conveener for the deacons and trads, Cristopher Rusall, baillie, to acquaint the maltmen, Thomas Bachope to acquaint the mechanicks and omni gatherum, to provyde bucketts incaise (as God forbid) fyre sould fall in the towne, and they are to report the same the nixt counsell day; and the thesaurer to provyde cleiks and towes. **Provyding of buckets.**

Ordaines ane ansuer to be sent to my lord Argyll his letter anent his desyre of Alexander Burns liberatioune, and appoynted Robert Russall, proveist, **Anent Alexander Burn his liberatione.**

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and James Browne, late baillie, to goe to Edinburgh and inform the said lord Argylle theranent and uther lords of the counsell who may be misinformed.

16 *April* 1674.

Lord Atholl, quartering.

Appoynts Robert Russall, proveist, and Oliver Murray, clerk deput, to goe to my lord Atholl and treat with him annent the quartering of his troup.

15 *June* 1674.

Quarters for commissioners of burghs.

The magistrats is to meit for ordoring quarters for the conventione of burrous againest the [7th July when the convention of burghs was to be held in the burgh] and to ordain all ventoners to have meat and drink againest the same tyme for the credit of the burgh.

Act anent post master.

The councell having red ane desyre of John Grahame, postmaster generall of this kingdome, for their assistance anent the setling ane letter office for giving the town and contrey therabout intelligence from Edinburgh tuice a week, and having taiken the same to ther consideration they are not fullie resolved upon their ansuer but shall give the same to him within ane short space.

Benefit of bell ilk court day.

The councell grants to commissar Monro the benefite of the ringing of the councell bell everie court day for better advertisement of the toun and contrie people of the dyat of court, and to continue during their pleasure.

18 *July* 1674.

Opposing the mechanicks signature.

The proveist and baillies, being conveined anent the opposing of ane signatur presented to his Majestie in favores of the mechanicks of this burgh for the libertie of ane deaconrie within the same, the whol counsell, in one voice, declairs they know nothing of nor hade hand in the contraiving of the said signatur anent the liberties therin contained, nor of the presenting theirof; and theirfor they, in pluralitie of voyces, condescends to oppose the samen to the utmost of their power, and for that effect they have nominat and appoynted Cristopher Russall, baillie, and Oliver Murray, clerk, to goe to Edinburgh and consult the maner of opposing the same, and quether or not ane lettere sall be drawn to the duke of Lauderdail.

29 *August* 1674.

Mechanicks.

The magistrats and councell, taking to consideratione the project of the

measons, wrights, and uther mechanicks, factiously invented and caried on be John Buchanan and others, without the privite, knowledg, or consent of the magistrats and councill, quherby they seek the priviledg to elect ane deacone of ther oun who sall have power to enter and admitt friemen and to seclud and debarr all others from working within the toun and territories therof, with comand to the magistrats and councill to admitt that deacone to be ane counceller and to fortifie and assist with him to put his acts and ordors againest unfriemen to executione, and quherupon the saids mechanicks had drawn and prepaired ane signator for his Majesties hand and thought till have gotten it secreitlie past; and the councell forseing that if this designe of the saids mechanicks should proceid it wold prejudge the whol heritors within the burgh that have houses to build and repair, and it wold also break the harmonie and good concord of the toune councell and the ancient estableishment their by an additional trads counceller; theirfore the councell, by pluralitie of vots, have resolved to oppose the said designe of the mechanicks by all laufull means and wayes. Theirefter the councell having called the said John Buchannan, measone, befor them, as the chife contraiver and promoter of the forsaid designe, and desyred him to desist and not to proceid any further therin, and being a thing soe obnoxius to the weil and pace of the toune, the said John most arrogantly and insolently ansuered that he wold persecut and sett fordward the designe with his heall meins and fortune to the utmost of his power, say the contrair who wold; quhilk cariadge of the said John Buchannan being thought by the councell to be a great fault and ingratitude done againest the toune who gave him his burgess gratis, and finding this his act directly repugnant to his burges oath, theirfore the councell, be pluralitie of voyces, declaired the said John Buchanan to have omitted and lost the benefite of his freedome as ane burges for him and his in the said burgh, and the same to be void and null in all tyme coming. And the said sentence being intimat to him he protests againest the samen and appealled to the supream judicatorie for remeid theirof. Mechanicks.

7 *November* 1674.

Appoynts Walter Patersone, thesaurer, to bigg the guard house upon the High Street quher it was in the tyme of the Inglishes, and to beginn the work upon Mononday come eight dayes. Guard hous.

19 *May* 1675.

Fisheing of water of Forth.

Ordeanes the thessaurer and clerk to make search concerneing the old court books of the fisheing of the watter of Forth and rights belonging therto, to the effect the saids magistratts may be the better informed of any priviledge or debaitts betuixt the feuars of Corntowne and the townes fishers.

Horse and letter and post offices.

Appoynts Robert Russall, proveist, [and four others,] to treat and lay downe ane way for setleing the horse and letter post offices.

Town and abay foords.

The magistratts and counsell, considdering of the hazards incurred both be the nighbours of this burgh and uthers through the great stanes lyeing in the towne and abay foords, that veshells are not able to goe upe or downe without the loss of both men, goods, and veshell, therfore they ordained Robert Russall, present provest, [and eight others] to lay downe the best way how to conveen men furth of everie incorporatione for repaireing of the saids foords.

28 *June* 1675.

Marquis of Montroise and uthers.

The magistratts and counsell hes reccaved and admitted ane noble marques James marques of Montros [and several others] in nighboures and gild brether of the said burgh, gratis.

14 *August* 1675.

Cupp.

Walter Patersone, thesaurer, receaved twentie six rix dollors, being 76 li. 17 s. for the pryce of the cupp which sould have beene rune in anno 1674, after roupeing therof.

6 *November* 1675.

Townes keyes.

Appoynted Duncane Watsone, younger, to keep the townes keyes which were in Duncane Watsone, elder, late deane of gild, his custodie, till Michaelmes nixt, in respect the said Duncane Watsone, elder, wold not accept of his place at Michaelmas last as deane of gild, albeit he was chosen be the counsell to exerce the said office.

10 *November* 1675.

Towns taksmen.

The magistratts and counsell being conveened for setting of the revenewes of this brugh and hospittall lands, and considdering that everie persone overbiddeth another out of prejudice and invy, and afterward maketh moyane with counsellers by bills to gett ease, therefore they have unanimouslie condescendit that in tyme comeing ther be noe bills given for any ease of any taks ather alreadie sett for preceeding yeares, or what sall happen to be this day sett, or

heirafter salbe sett, certifieing any counseller who shall speake in favours of any of the saids taksmen they shalbe repute and holdine as unfaithfull counsellers and persones not freinds to the said brugh. **Towns taksmen.**

27 *November* 1675.

Ordained ane dyk to be biggit with stone and lyme frae the towne wall downe wher the old trinch stands at the Borrowmylne. **Stone dyk from towne wall.**

Appoynts ane letter to be sent to the archbishope of St Androis annent the planting of the first minister of this brugh. **First minister.**

4 *December* 1675.

The magistratts and counsell who had receaved ane letter from the proveist and baillies of Kirkcaldie annent ane voluntar contributioune for bigging of ane peer at the said towne, they granted that ane contributioun sould be ingathered; and the way and maner of colecting therof they remited to the gildrie and the deacone conveener and trads to consider. **Voluntar contribution for Kirkcaldie.**

The magistratts and counsell receaved ane letter from Innerkeithing for ane supplie for releiveing the poor prisoners that are lyeing under the slaverie of the Turks, conforme to the privie counsells ordour therannent, and the saids magistratts to interpone ther authoritie for ingathering of the supplies of the presbetrie; which letter being considderit they ordained the same to be communicat be the proveist to the presbetrie the first presbetrie day. **Prisoners lyeing in the Turks hands.**

27 *December* 1675.

The magistratts and counsell having receaved ane letter from the lord chancellar, dated the 16th September instant, ordaines the proveist and baillies to send in ane accompt to the lords of his Majesties privie counsell of all persones who hes taken the declaratioune at Michaelmas last and to report the first of February nixt; which letter being considderit they have delayed any ansuer therannent till they gett notice what other burghs hes done therin; and ordaines the clerk to wreat to Hew Stivinsone what other burghs hes done therannent. **Anent the persons who took the declaratioun.**

15 *April* 1676.

The magistratts and counsell receaved ane supplicatioune under the hand of Captaine Robert Johnstowne, and other gentlemen archers within the said burgh, mentioneing that the sport of archerie was almost decayed within this **Ane pryse to be shott for yearlie.**

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kingdome, yitt that other royall burrowes were rediviveing the same againe, humblie intreating therefore that the saids magistratts and counsell wold give out ane pryse to be shott for as they sould think fitt; which supplicatioune being considderit be the saids magistratts and counsell they ordaine ane pryse to be shott for to the value of 24 lib. Scotts yearlie dureing ther pleasour, and the tyme of the shootting therof to be appoynted be them.

29 *July* 1676.

Byble and uther necessaris for the pensioners.

Ordaines the masters of the Over Hospitall to buy ane great Byble, ane bell, and other things neidfull, for the pensioners of the said hospitall ther accomodatioune for ther devotioune, at the sight of the magistratts, dean of gild and a tradsman.

27 *November* 1676.

Act in favours of Mr. Patrick Murray.

The right reverend Mr. Patrick Murray, minister of the said brugh, gave in his petitioune to the saids proveist, baillies, and counsell, mentioneing that at the aggreement betuixt the saids magistratts and him, and when he receaved ther presentatioune to the said ministrie, it was aggreed upon that he sould have ane act of counsell for his securitie annent the peyment of tuelve hundreth merks yearlie of stipend and two hundreth merks yearlie for his manse and gleib, to be peyed to him at Wittsonday and Mertimes yearlie proportionablie, dureing his service of the cure as minister of the said burgh, and that notwithstanding of the thankfull payment of the said stipend and mans, yett he had no securitie granted for the tyme to come, and therfoir craveing their might be ane act past in his favours for his securitie of the said stipend, manse and gleib money; which being considered be the said proveist, baillies, and counsell, they not onlie approve of the said aggriement but also enactis and ordaines that the said Mr. Patrick Murray have the forsaid twell hundreth merkis yearlie of stipend, and twa hundreth merkis for his manse and gleib, also yeirlie, dureing his service of the cure . . . and thir presentis shall be ane sufficient warrand to the thesaurer and others lyeable for payment yeirlie of the said stipend, manse and gleib money.

7 *September* 1677.

Report annent the witches.

The magistratts and counsell approves of the report [of provost Russall, dean of guild, and bailies,] of their procureing of warrand for transporteing of ane warlock and three witches, imprisoned by ane warrand from the earle of

Wigtowne, as ane privie counseller, at the instance of Robert Douglas of Barloch; and syclyk approves of the said Robert Russall and George Lapslie, baillie, ther being at the counsell the said day. **Report anent the watches.**

The saids magistratts and counsell approves of ane act in the court book against severall of the tailyeors therin mentioned, wherin they are found to be extraordiner spenders of ther owne comon good, therfore what is yett resting of the said exorbitant spending in all tyme bygaine to whatsomever persone or persones, or what heirafter they sall exorbitantlie spend, it sall not affect the comon good of the said trad in any tyme comeing. **Act annent the tailyeouris.**

6 *October* 1677.

Robert Andersone, deacone of the baxters, and conveener of the trads, made complent to the magistratts and counsell upon huksters and severall other inhabitants within the said brugh who vents and tops oatt bread, to the great prejudice, libertie, and interest of the baxters of the said burgh; which complent being considderit be the saids magistratts and counsell, they, for the better incoradgment of the said trad, hes statut and ordained, and be thir presenttis statuts that in noe tyme comeing noe kynd of bread salbe sold or vented within the said burgh and territories thereof be any inhabitant butt be the members of the baxter trade allennerlie. **Act in favors of the baxters.**

20 *October* 1677.

The magistratts and counsell have appoynted and condescendit that the earle of Marr gett 2500 merks for ilk chalder of the lands of Raploch with the right of patronadge, and that the right be drawne with consent of lawers on both syds, and that they approve of the bargane made with the said earle to this purpose. **Bargaine annent the Raploch.**

31 *December* 1677.

Appoynts the proveist, baillies, deane of gild, and conveener, to meett in the clerks chamber and conveene the wholl persones within the said burgh that are not entered, that they enter themselves, and these who will enter to the militia company of this burgh to be admitted burges gratis, they serveing in the said company for the space of three yeares. **Persones not entered nighbouris.**

16 *February* 1678.

The magistratts and counsell, taking to ther considerationne that it is **Lands of Raploch.**

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fitt and necessar that infeftment be taken of the lands of Raploch be the masters of the Over Hospittal, in name of the poore, and the saids masters to take upe ane list of the wholl tennants and conveene them together ay and whill they find catioune for peyment of ther dewties, at the sight of the saids magistratts, deane of gild, and conveener.

Poll money.

The magistratts and counsell, taking to ther consideratioune the great charges the towne is putt to by putting out fyftie men for serveing of the militia, and for better satisfeing therof they ordaine the wholl old poll money to be colected, as also that everie persone within the said brugh above the aige of sixteen yeares sall pay 20 s. Scottis money of new poll.

8 *April* 1678.

Report annent the band; conventicles.

The magistratts and counsell approves of John McCulloch, baillie, and Duncan Watsone, younger, dean of gild, ther being at Air at the comitte of the counsell, with the report of the saids magistratts and counsell ther subscryveing of the band for not keeping of conventicles, with the report of the persones who will not subscryve for the magistratts releife.

Injoyneing the band to the recusants.

The magistratts and counsell receaved ane ordour from the privie counsell, dated the 27 February last, bypast, commanding the magistratts and counsell of the said brugh to present the band to the recusants therin contained, and for that effect authorizes them to prosecute the same conforme to the tennor of the said act, and to report to the privie counsell the next Munday.

Act for ane silver arrow.

Ordanes the townes thesaurer [to buy ane silver arrow] to be shott at, to the value of twentie four pound Scottis, and that with all conveniencie.

27 *April* 1678.

Escape of prisoners.

Appoynted Robert Russall, proveist, and John M'Cullo, baillie, to goe to Edinburgh and attend the summonds given to them at the instance of his Majesties advocat and Sir James Campbell of Lawers, for the aleadgeing some persones to escape furth of ther tolbuithe, aleadgit guilty of thifts and robberies.

2 *May* 1678.

Anent the town prentizes who convocat.

The magistrats and councell, taking to ther consideratione the great abuse and convocatione of prenteises of this burgh, upon the 20 of Aprile last, contrair to the acts of parliament, without libertie or licence of the magistrats, and of ther breaking up of prisone doors, in hye and manifest

contempt of his Majesties authoritie, and ane obligatione being presented to Robert Andersone, deacone conveiner, and remanent deacones of the trades within the said burgh, not onlie for their peaceable behavior in tyme coming but alsoe for submission to the magistrats for their former misdemanure, the said Robert Andersone, conveiner, for himself and in name of the rest, and they be themselves, craved Mononday next to interpose ther moyane for suppressing the said fault and for giving obedience and submissione of the said fault, and incaice the magistrats be not satisfied with the said report that the councell authorizes the saids magistrats to proceed for the saids insolences conforme to the act of parliament. **Anent the town prentizes who convocat.**

5 *August* 1678.

Robert Russall, proveist, made report that he had gotten ane signatour past in favoures of the said burgh, be his Majesties exchequer, discharging any burgh of barronie or regalitie within two myles of the said burgh,[1] and of quhich signature the said Robert Russall presented ane double to the councell, quhich was red and approven be them. **New signatour and gift.**

9 *November* 1678.

Nominat Robert Russall, proveist, to goe to Edinburgh and consult with Sir George Lochart, or some other advocatts, annent the declarator depending before the lords of sessioune upon the gift granted be his Majestie and exchequer in favours of the said brugh dischargeing burghs of regallitie or barronie to be within two myllis of the same. **Annent the declarator.**

29 *March* 1679.

In regaird of the decease of Oliver Murray, town clerk, the magistrats and counsell admitted James Norie, notar, as clerk *pro tempore,* who made faith as use. **Clerk.**

Robert Russall, proveist, produced the decreit of declarator recovered upon the lait gift granted be his Majestie to this burgh dischargeing regalities or brughes of barronie to be within twa mylles therof, off whois cair and dilligence the counsell approves; and the samin decreit and charter or gift, yit in the proveists handis, is ordained to be putt up in the boill. **Production of new gift and declarator.**

[1] See Stirling Charters, No. LVIII., p. 171.

31 *March* 1679.

William Rind, clerk.

The magistrats and counsell electis and choyses William Rind, notar in this burgh, their clerk whill Michealmas next.

7 *May* 1679.

Act anent the first new fair.

The magistrats and counsell takeing to consideratioun that the first new fair of this brugh falles upon the 29 instant, and that the said day is appoynted to be ane anniversarie thanksgiveing for his Majesties restoratioun to his government of his kingdomes, thairfoir they continow the begining of the fair whill the 30 May instant; and appoyntis the samin to be proclaimed throw the toun be tuck of drum the morrow and the morrow fourtnight.

Silver bow and arrow.

Appoyntis the thesaurer to buy ane bow and arow of silver, to the value of twentie four pundis, which is to be given as ane free pryze to the archers to shoot for in the Frier yaird.

3 *June* 1679.

Searching for armes; phanaticks.

The magistrats and counsell takeing to ther consideratioun the necessitie of putting of the toune in ane postur of defence against the appeiring dangers of these phanaticks in the west now risen in armes, useing soe many actis of hostilitie at Lowdoun Hill and other places, and killing and murdering his Majesties forces, they have appoynted the baillies and with them the persones following, viz., [three persons for each quarter] to pas with all dilligence throw their severall quarters and caus secure the armes of all persones known to be disaffected therin, which they are to deliver to the baillies imediatlie, with what powder and lead sall be found in their custodie, and to command them to keip within their own dores under all hiest pain that after may follow; and also to the saidis baillies and these commissionat with them to take notice of the number of the men and youthes who lives ordorlie and how they are armed, and to command them upon the beatting of the drum that they repair with their haill armes to the hospittall, under the pain forsaid.

21 *July* 1679.

Militia.

Approves of baillie Watsone and Robert Anderson, lait conveiner, ther goeing to Edinburgh to supplicatt the privie counsell for keiping of the militia regiment heir the time of the lait rebellion.

Intelligence in tyme of lait trouble.

Appoyntis the thesaurer to receave in ane account of the work done at the port, borow mylne and sluce, to persones for getting intelligence, and other

contingencies the tyme of the lait rebellion, and after approven be the magistrats to pay the respective persones to whom they are dew. **Intelligence in tyme of lait trouble.**

The proveist gave in the new gift and declarator therupon, which ar put up in the boill. Alsoe he produced ane lettere frae Alvae anent the fischeing in the Girnell, quherunto the clerk is appoynted to draw ane ansuere; and ordains interuption to be made with all dilligence. **New Gift.** **Fishing in the Girnell.**

The proveist, baillies, and counsell, considering that throw the want of ane advocatt thir severall yearis bygane, as the tounes ordinarie assessor, they have been at great charges in consulteing evrie particular affair quherin the samin brugh is concerned, and that the setling and choyseing upon ane fitt and qualified person to be the touns advocatt for advysing of ther severall affaires may tend much to the weell and profitt of this place; and the proveist, baillies, and counsell, haveing experience of the qualificatiouns and abilitie of Mr. Robert Colt, advocatt, they therfoir all in one voice elect and choyse the said Mr. Robert Colt to be, indureing his lyftyme, at least dureing ther pleasure, advocatt for the toun of Stirling, and to have fiftie eight pundis Scottis yearlie of sallarie, which was payed to umquhill Mr. George Norvell, formerlie the tounes advocatt. **Mr. Robert Colt, advocatt.**

9 *August* 1679.

The counsell thinkis it fitt, with all diligence, that cair be takin for supplieing the vaccancie of the ministrie be the decease of doctor William Pearsone, minister. **First minister.**

The clerk produced ane instrument bearing Alvae to be interupted in his fischeing of the Girnell, upon the fourt of August instant, which is ordained to be putt up in the boill. **Fischeing the Girnell.**

The counsell ratifies and approves all former actis made against hocksters, cadgers, and retailers, their buying, makeing paction for, or receaving, of any fleshes, fisches, butter, cheese, foulles, and other vivers, untill the tymes and under the paines at lenth therin exprest; with this addition that no hockster, cadger, or retailer, presum on any day to buy any fisch taken in the tounes watters whill they first come to the mercat and the fisches lye upon the hie streit for the space of twa houres therafter; and that non of the others vivers be bought or made paction for be the saidis cadgeris, hocksteris, or retaileris, whill they be brought to the mercat and abyde therin whill elevin houres in **Anent viveris.**

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the foirnoone, ilk persone under the pain of fyve punds for ilk failyie, by and attour the confiscatioune of the vivers they shall happin to buy or receave sua as said is.

Neighbours perseweing befoir courts.

The proveist, baillies, and counsell, not onlie ratifies and approves all former actis prohibiting all neighbours to persew others befoir any inferior court, except the toune court, gildrie, or trades court, sua far as they have power to judge, unles the debt be consistoriall; and als statuts and ordaines whatevir neighbour sall in tyme comeing persew other save befoir the inferior courts above exprest, unless the caus be consistoriall, shall incurr the penaltie of ten pundis Scottis money for each contravention heirof.

Putting decreitts to executioune.

Upon complaints made to the magistrats and counsell that albeit they recover decreits befoir the toune court yit they are delayed of payment by the officeris negligence in not putting the decreits to executioune, the saids magistrats and counsell have ordained that each officer, as he is employed, putt to execution the haill decreits, and precepts upon registrat bandis, shall be delyverit to him be any partie; and upon complaint of ther negligence they shall incurr the penaltie of fyve pundis for ilk failyie attour imprisonment of ther persons. And when any neighbour refuissis to goe to ward when charged that they imediatlie make the samin knoune to the magistrats that the contraveineris may be punished.

25 *August* 1679.

First minister.

Robert Russall, proveist, shew that he had spoken with the earle of Marr anent ane minister to succeid in place of doctor William Pearson, whois ansuere was that Mr. John Monro was fitt for the place and weell principled and he would consent to ane presentation to him, which report the counsell approved of.

Redelyvering of the armes.

Recomendis to the baillie of each quarter to ingather the armes borrowed out of the castle or tolbuith the tyme of the last rebellion, and to delyver back to the castle soe many as was borrowed furth therof, and retire the thesaurers receipt he gave to the governour therof.

28 *August* 1679.

Presenting of Mr. John Monro as first minister.

The proveist, baillies, and counsell, have condiscendit and aggried that Mr. John Monro succeid as minister in place of umquhill doctor William Pearsone, and therfoir have subscrivit ane presentation to him.

22 *September* 1679.

The proveist, baillies, and counsell, takeing to consideratione that some of the cheefe and most eminent burghs of the kingdome have, for removeing of the inconveniencies and debaitts that happined concerning the too long continwoance of some persones in the magistracie amongst them, thought fitt to limitat the tyme of ther endurance in office for the future; and the saids magistrats and counsell of this burgh being desyreous to follow the good example and to cutt of all practices, mistakes, jealousies, and offences, that may occurr in this place on that behalfe in all tyme heirafter, have enacted and ordained that in all tyme comeing the proveist, baillies, deane of gild, and thesaurer, (they being allwayes dewly elected yeirly) may continow or be continowed in office for the space of two yeires without intervell and noe longer; and, to the end this good designe shall not become in desuitud in tyme comeing, it is alsoe ordained that each counseller at his admission shall solemnly swear that they shall never recall nor infringe this act, but observe the samin fullie, and that naither they themselves shall cairie nor vott for any proveist, baillie, deane of gild, or thesaurer, to carie or continow in the said respective offices noe longer nor the tym above prescryved. **Act anent magistratis continoweing in office.**

13 *October* 1679.

The proveist produced the right of patronadge granted be the earle of Mar to the toun, which is ordained to be putt up in the boill. **Patronadge.**

3 *January* 1680.

Recomendis to the proveist and baillies to convein befoir them the inhabitantis in the Castlehill and to comun with them anent ther bearing of ther pairts of the publict burdens, and to report the nixt counsell day. **People in the Castlehill.**

20 *January* 1680.

Recomendis to the proveist, conveiner, and clerk, to repair to Allowae and deall with the earle of Mar for ordoreing the weavers in the Castlehill to beare ther partis of publict burdens with the toun as formerlie, in regaird of ther refuiseall, and the said noble earles desyre to continow the samin when last heir whill his returne frae the west. **Recomendatioune anent weavers in Castlehill.**

1 *May* 1680.

The proveist, conveiner, and clerk, made report of ther meitting with the **Report anent the weavers.**

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earle of Marr anent the weavers in the Castlehill, and that the debaitt was by his lordship referred to Captain George Erskin and John Keirie of Gogar, the magistrats, deane of gild, and conveiner; which reference the counsell approves of, and recomends to their number to doe their pairts and report the nixt counsell day.

25 *October* 1680.

Proposallis given in be the conveiner.

The proveist, baillies, and counsell being conveined in the ordinar meitting place of this brugh, for treatting upon the comon affaires therof, John Dick, present deacon conveiner, gave in the proposallis following, wherof the tenour followes:—Wnto the right honorabill the proveist, baillies, and counsell of the brugh of Stirling, John Dick, deacon conveiner of the said brugh, for himself and in nam of als manie of the counsell and comunitie therof as will adheare to him, humblie representeth (with submission to what shall be thought more fitt and convenient for removeing of the present divisions of this place anent the perpetuatting of themselvis or any others in publict offices for the tyme to come, without violatting or altering the present constitution and sett of the counsell,) these proposallis following, as fitt expedimentis for remeiding of the sam for the futur, and secureing of the counsell and comunitie against all who shall endeavor the perpetuating aither of themselvis or otheris in tyme comeing:—First,—That the act made at Michealmes 1679 for the magistrats, deane of gild, and thesaurers continowance onlie for twa yeiris and noe longer be farder inlarged and explained theranent, that it may be cleare for the counsell to elect any one persone who hath officiat in any of the saidis offices conforme to the tym limitted in the said act to ane other of the offices and stations wherin he hes not bein befoir for the space contained in the said act (if it shall please the counsell sua to doe). 2° That it be addit that noe persone who hes officiat in the qualitie and station of ane baillie and deane of gild in each office for the space of twa yeiris, conforme to the tyme limitted in the act of counsell, shall be elected or chosen to returne to the office wherin he hes formerlie officiat, and if not advanced to the office of ane proveist, if the counsell sall think fitt, but shall remain ane yeir old magistrat and then be removed out of the counsell, and ane of the leitt sent doune be the deane of gild and his brethrein be elected counseller for that yeir; and als that noe thesaurer when continowed twa yeiris shall be elected to the office of ane magistrat or deane of gild till once his

accountis be heard and approven of by the counsell. 3tio., And that the proveist when continowed twa yeiris shall one yeir be old proveist and then removed out of the counsell, and that ane of the leitt sent doun to the counsell be the deane of gild and his breithrein be elected counseller for that yeir. And that the saidis proposallis anent the continowance of the proveist, baillies, dean of gild, and thesaurer, shall not in noewayes prejudge the counsell of their yeirlie election, but that the counsell hath noe power to continow any magistrat, dean of gild, or thesaurer, longer nor the said act and proposallis beares. And that the said act made at Michaelmes 1679, with the explanation and addition forsaid, may be the mor effectuall for restraining of any persone or persones from perpetuating of themselves or any of their relations, by any method or meanes, in office longer nor the tym limitted in the said act. By which method all practises of those who are most factiouslie inclined sall be cutt of in all tym comeing, and these offices suplied by course with those who ar most fitt and qualified for the samin, which will not onlie tend to the comon good of the brugh, but to the peace and prosperitie of the haill inhabitantis, as also magistratis and other in publict offices have that obedience, honor, and respect, that is dew to them in their severall stations from all the inhabitants within the brugh . . . . . Which proposallis being publictlie red, the magistrats and counsell thought fitt the samin be fullie and deliberatlie considdered upon, for which end they have nominatt and appoynted [Robert Russell, provost, and six others,] to repair with their first convenience to the brugh of Edinburgh, and their to advise and consult the saidis proposallis with eminent lawiers and otheris; and which opinions and advice, if they agrie, the forme of ane act to be drawne, and the saidis comissioneris are to report back to the counsell at their next meitting.

Proposallis given in be the conveiner.

The magistratis and counsell considering that the toun landis are now marched by the stains furnished by burgessis at their entrie, whairby their is noe more neid of stains, and that the haveing of ane magazin of armes is verie necessar in this place, they have in liew of the addition of the forsaid march stains appoynted and ordained that all persone or persones who in tym comeing, als weill frie mans sone as unfrie mans sone, shall be entred and receaved ane burges, shall pay to the thesaurer, attour his ordinar dewes formerlie accustomed, the soume of thrie pundis Scottis money, which thrie pund sua to be payed by ilk entrant burges the thesaurer shall keip the

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samin onlie for buyeing armes, and is to procure warrand from the lordis of his Majesties thesaurie for hom bringing therof.

Recomendation anent the partizans.

Recomendis to the dean of gild and conveiner to speak to their respective incorporatiouns anent the provydeing of partizans again his Royall Highnes reception, and to report ther opinions to the magistratis Saturday next.

Act, laweings at penny weddings.

The magistratis and counsell, considering the great abuse comitted at penny weddings by extorteing exorbitant pryces for their laweings, they for remeid therof appoyntis and ordaines that in tyme comeing noe person exact nor receave, within this brugh and territorie, noe laweing nor pryce exceiding eight shilling Scottis frae each persone, under the payne of twentie pundis Scottis money for each transgression, and appoyntis this to be publisht throw the toun be the drummer.

10 *November* 1680.

Act anent continowance of the magistrats and others in office.

The proveist, baillies, and counsell, being conveined in their ordinar meitting place for treatting upon the comon affaires of the said brugh, Robert Russall, proveist, for himself and in name of the remanent persons comissionat the last counsell day for treatting upon and considdering of the proposallis given in be the conveiner, gave in their opinion of the samin; which being publictlie red, and the saidis magistrats and counsell takeing all cair and useing all dilligence for removeing the jealousies, mistakes, and troubles, that hes bein, or may be, anent persones perpetuating themselvis, their freinds or relations, in the office of magistracie, and to lay doun such solid wayes and groundis therfoir that nothing in tyme comeing may stope or hinder the tranquilitie and prospertie of this place, the respect and honor dew to the magistratis, and peace and amitie amongst the neighbouris, have not onlie ratiffied and approven, and heirby ratifies and approves the act of counsell daitted the fiftein day of September 1679, whairby noe proveist, baillie, dean of gild, or thesaurer, in this brugh, may continow noe longer in office nor twa yeiris without intervall, in the haill poyntis and articles thairof, but also heirby enactis, statutis, and ordaines that, after the election of the magistrats and office beraris of this brugh at Michaelmesj^{m} vj^{c} four scoir ane yeiris, any person or persones that shall then or in any tyme heirafter be chosen proveist, when he hes continowed twa yeiris in office, the thrid yeir he is ane counseller *ex officio* onlie, and then be removed out of the counsell, and ane of the leitt to be sent doun from the dean of gild and his breithrein be chosen counsellor

in his place for that yeir to come; and that when the baillies and dean of gild have continowed twa yeiris in office they ar onlie to continow the thrid yeir ane counseller, and thairafter to be removed out of the counsell, unless ane baillie be made dean of gild, or the dean of gild ane baillie, or aither of them preferred to the office of being ane proveist; and that noe persone who hes officiat in the qualitie of ane baillie or dean of gild the saidis twa yeiris may nor shall not be elected to return to aither of those offices whill once they be removed out of the counsell and som of the leitt sent doun be the dean of gild and breithrein be chosen counselleris in his or thair places for the yeir to come; and that when the thesaurer hes continowed twa yeiris in office he shall not be elected to the office of ane magistrat or dean of gild whill once his thesaurer accountis be made and approven be the magistratis and toun counsell; and, being ane counseller for the yeir after the expyring of his office, may onlie be ane counseller for ane other yeir, and at the end of the fourt yeir, if not preferred to the office of ane magistrat or dean of gild, to be removed out of the counsell and ane of the leitt to be sent doun be the dean of gild and his breithrein to be elected counseller in his place for that yeir to come. The yeirlie election of the toun counsell as formerlie is not nor shall be heirby prejudgit in any sort. And, to the effect thir presentis may be made the more effectuall, it is appoynted and ordained that the persone who shall be chosen comissioner to the general convention of burrowes in July nixt take the extract heirof with him, procure the samin approven by the said convention, and to give in the samin with his report at his returne.

Act anent continowance of the magistrates and others in office.

The proveist, baillies, and counsell. considdering the many complaintis that are given in how their is great quantities of victual brought to this place by water and sold theirin, and these who bringis the samin victuall payes naither the custome of the laidle nor the dewes for the pecks and furlottis, whairby these tacks are lyke to become unprofitable, they, to remeid the samin, statutis and ordaines that what cornes, beanes, malt, and maill, in tyme comeing is or shall be brought by watter to the toune, and aither sellared in the toune or sold at the shore, each frie man shall pay of custome to the laidle four shilling Scottis for each chalder, and to the tacksmen of the peckis and furlottis twa shilling money forsaid for ilk chalder they shall sua import, sua sell, or putt in sellaris, and each unfrie man to pay the double of these dewes, and the importeris of beare and wheatt who changes not their nature to pay conforme.

Dewes of victuall brought to the shore.

Carpet for seatt in the church.

The proveist, baillies, and counsell, being informed that the gildrie is to cover their foir seatt, and the trades their foir seatt wheir the deacones sitt, with ane grein cloath and silk freinge conforme, which is all the magistrats hes befoir them, and it being fitt and expedient that their should be ane distinction betwixt the magistratis and them, they have appoynted the grein cloath and frenzie in their seatt of the church to be taken of and puttin on the seatt at their back wheir the merchand counsell sits, and in place theirof appoyntis the thesaurer to buy ane sufficient carpett which in all tyme comeing is appoynted to ly on the foir seatt the magistratis sittis in.

4 *February* 1681.

James Duke of Albannie and York, and others, burgesses, &c.

The magistratis and counsell have receaved and admitted, and heirby receaves and admittis the persones following to the libertie and freidome of burgessis and gild breithrein of the said brugh gratis, viz.:—His royeall highness James duke of Albannie and York, &c., John earle of Glencairne, George earle of Wintoune, George earle of Panmuir, John earle of Kintor, earle of Louthian, John earle of Caitnes, lord Livingstoune, lord Innerurie, lord Charles Murray, sone to my lord marqueis of Atholl, William Hay of Drumalyeart, Urquhart of Meldrum, Sir John Hope of Hoptoune, Mr. William Livingston of Kilsythe, William Blair of that ilk, Wedderburn of Gosfoord, the laird of Lundie, Sir Thomas Hope of Craigiehall, Sir William Hope, John Erskin, brother german to the laird of Alvae, Robert Bruce of Auchinbowie, collonell Robert Warden comptroller to his royall highnes, collonell Henry Slingsbie, groome of his royeall highnes bed chamber, Sir Robert Warden, his hienes secretar, collonell James Grahame, his royeall highnes privie purse, [and many others].

14 *March* 1681.

Report anent declarator.

The proveist made report that the action of declaratour persewed be Alexander Jack and otheris against the magistratis and counsell was now decydit, and that he had extracted the decreit which he produced; the defence quhairof and his cair takin thairin the haill counsell approves of.

Gold box.

Ordaines the thesaurer to pay to William Law, goldsmith, thrie hundreth eightin pundis fiftein shilling for the gold box he furnished to his Royall Highnes burges tickett.

23 *April* 1681.

Maill mercatt and otheris.

Baillie Millar and otheris, appoynted be the last act for considering

wher in tym comeing the mercats in this brugh may be convenient, made report that the maill mercatt would be verie fitt at Archies nuick, the shoe markett betwixt Dinovans hous and Lowries turnpyck, the timber mercatt to be without the port of the Marie Wynd and the foott thairof, the iron mercat wher formerlie, and the horse mercat to be betwixt the earle of Maris ludgeing and the trone; which the haill counsell approves of, and ordaines the samin to be made effectuall betwixt and Mertimes next; and recomendis to the proveist, baillies, dean of gild, and conveiner, to try what incouradgment may be had frae the neighbouris lyeing neir for building of the maill mercatt, to aggrie with the persones to whom the sed landis at Archies nuick belonges, and pay the pryces thairof. Lykeas, for incouradgeing the building of the said maill mercatt, Duncan Watsone, younger, ane of the lait baillies, made offer to build the said maill mercat, furnish all materiallis necessar for the building thairof, pay the tradesmen for thair work, and to ly out of the wholl money frie of annualrent to Witsonday 1682, the thesaurer at the said terme then payeing him conforme to the account of his depursmentis; which offer was cheerfullie accepted of be the counsell, and the said Duncan Watsone presentlie to draw the draught of the structur, imploy tradsmen, and by advice of the foirnamit persones to goe on with all expedition for building of the said work.

Maill mercatt and otheris.

21 *May* 1681.

The proveist produced his Majesties last gift to the toun ratifieing their former priviledges and dischargeing any brughes of regalitie or baronie within twa milles, and declarator thairupon, and the new gift of twentie shilling Scottis upon the boll of malt; which giftis and declarator are given to the dean of gild and conveiner and by them put up in the boill.

Gifts and declarator put in the boill.

7 *October* 1681.

Admittis and receaves Captain John Graham of Claverhous, Sir Andro Bruce of Earleshall, Mr. David Grahame, brother to Claverhous, [and six others] burgessis and gild breither of the said brugh, gratis, and they present made faith as use is.

Laird of Claverhous and otheris burgessis.

23 *October* 1681.

Ordaines the mercatts on Mertimes day nixt, and in all tym comeing, to be keiped at the places mentionat in the last act of counsell made theranent,

Mercatis setled upon.

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and that the samin be intimatt be touck of drum throw the toun the nixt Friday and Friday com eight dayes.

7 *November* 1681.

Anent secrecie in the counsell.

The magistrats and counsell, for keiping secrecie of thair voiceing and counselling in the counsell hous in tym comeing, ordanis that noe person in the counsell any wayes divuldge or make knowne what is spoken or voiced by any particular persone in the counsell hous, under the pain of fyve lib., toties quoties, and acknowledging their fault in face of counsell and crave pardon, and whill then to be debarred in meitting with the counsell.

The cordiners suplicatione.

The magistrats and counsell having considered the suplicatione given in be the cordiners craving to be restored to their stance in the mercatt, they first ordain them to give obedience to the former act of counsell and therafter of new suplicatt, and if the magistrats and counsell upon their second suplicatione find them prejudged they ar to consider therupon and restore them to their former stance.

24 *December* 1681.

Test taken be the magistrats and counsell and clerk.

In obedience and conforme to the [6] act first session of the present parliament, the proveist, baillies, counsell, and clerk, tooke the test upon their kneis repeatting the wordis therof, and subscrivit the samin, which they ordained to be recordit in the counsell bookes, quhairof the tenor followes:—I solemnlie suear, in presence of the Eternall God, whom I invocat as judge and witnes of my sincere intentione of this my oath, that I oune and sincerelie profess the trew protestant religion contained in the Confession of Faith recorded in the first parliament of King James the Sixth, and that I believe the same to be founded on and aggrieable to the wreattin word of God; and I promeis and suear that I shall adheare therto dureing all the dayes of my lyfetyme, and shall endeavour to educat my children therin, and shall never consent to any cheange or alteratione contrary therto; and that I disoune and renounce all such principles, doctrines, or practises, whether popish or phanaticall, which are contrary unto and inconsistent with the said protestant religion and confessione of faith. And for testification of my obedience to my most gracious soveraigne Charles the Second, I doe affirm and suear by this my solemne oath that the Kings Majestie is the only supreme governour of this realme over all persones and in all causes, as weill ecclesiasticall as civill,

and that noe foraigne prince, persone, pope, prelat, state, or potentat, hath or ought to have any jurisdictione, power, superioritie, preheminencie, or authoritie, ecclesiastical or civill, within this realm; and therfor I doe uterly renounce and forsake all foraigne jurisdictiones, powers, superiorities, and authorities, and doe promeis that from hencefurth, I shall bear faith and trew alleagance to the Kings Majestie, his heires and lawfull successors; and to my power shall assist and defend all rights, jurisdictiones, prerogatives, priviledges, preheminencies, and authorities belonging to the Kings Majestie, his heirs and lawfull successors. And I further affirm and suear by this my solemne oath that I judge it unlawfull for subjects, upon pretence of reformation, or any other pretence whatsoever, to enter into covenants or leagues, or to convocat, conveen, or assemble in any councells, conventions, or assemblies, to treat, consult, or determin in any matter of state, civill or ecclesiasticall, without his Majesties speciall command or express licence had therto, or to take up armes againest the King or those commissionated by him; and that I shall never soe rise in armes, or enter into such covenants or assemblies; and that ther lyes noe obligatione on me from the Nationall Covenant, or the Solemne League and Covenant (so comonlie called), or any other maner of way whatsoever, to endeavour any change or alteratione in the government, either in church or state, as it is now established by the laws of this kingdome. And I promise and suear that I shall, with my utmost pouer, defend, assist, and mantain his Majesties jurisdictione forsaid againest all deadlie, and I shall never decline his Majesties pouer and jurisdictione, as I shall answer to God. And, finalie, I affirm and suear that this my solemne oath is given in the plain, genuin sense and meaning of the words, without any equivocatione, mentall reservatione, or any maner of evasione whatsoever, and that I shall not accept or use any dispensation from any creatur whatsoever. So help me God. [Here follow subscriptions.] And ordaines the clerk to extract the samin and the thesaurer to send the samin to the privie counsell betwixt and the first day of January nixt.

Test taken be the magistrats and counsell and clerk.

Nota. This extracted and sent and ane receipt therof got frae the clerk of the counsell.

18 *January* 1682.

Recomendis to the thesaurer and clerk to caus sight the haill old ruinous houssis on the Hie Street, learne to whom they pertain, raise letters of

Anent the ruinous houssis.

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certificatioune upon the act of parliament to charge the proprietaris and otheris pretending entres to repair them within yeir and day, and to doe what is neidfull theirin.

7 *June* 1682.

Defence of tounes priviledges.

The magistrats and counsell have resolved that the defence of the priviledges of the gildrie and trades shall be cairfullie done against the laird of Polmais and all other incroacheris thairupon.

12 *June* 1682.

Presentation to Mr. James Hunter to be second minister.

The magistrats and counsell being conveined for receaving in of the opinions of the gildrie and trades anent their calling of Mr. James Huntar, minister at Donyng, to succeid as second minister in this brugh in place of the deceast Mr. Patrick Murray, minister their, the dean of gild made report that the gildrie wer content; the conveiner made report that the major pairt of the hamermen wer content; and the deacons of the baxters, cordiners, and glovers declaired their trades were content; and the deacons of the weavers, talzeors, and fleshers declaired their trades wer not content. Which being considered the magistratis and haill counsell appoyntis the said Mr. James Huntar to be called, and for that end have all of them subscrivit ane presentatione to him, ordaineing the clerk to append the ordinarie seall theirunto.

4 *September* 1682.

Act in favours of the tailyeours.

Thomas Galloway, lait deacon of the talyeors, haveing produced the acts and others following, wherof the tenor follows, to witt:—At Stirling the nynt day of May 1645. The proveist, baillies, and counsell of the brugh of Stirling, haveing considdered the complent givin in be James Miller, deacon of the tailyeors, in name and behalfe of the haill brethrin of tailyeor craft, makeing mention that they are mightilie prejudged by unfriemen duelling in landward, who are imployed be gentlemen and others residenters in this brugh to come in and work to them within this brugh; for preventing the lyke abuse in tyme comeing, give full pouer and warrand to the [deacon of tailors for the time being] to seaze upon, take, and apprehend all maner of work wrought within this toun be unfriemen tailyeors, and to keep the samen whill they pay ane unlaw of fyve pound money; and wher the work cannot be apprehended the counsell gives libertie to the deacon of the craft and his brethren to call and convein such unfriemen befor themselves, and ther, efter tryell, to unlaw them in ane unlaw of fyve pounds money, toties quoties, and to tak

cautione of them to desist in tyme comeing. As also the counsell ordaines that noe neibour nor inhabitant within the said brugh imploy unfriemen to work to them under the pain forsaid. And ordaines this act to be intimat at the mercat croce that no persone pretend ignorance therof. [Here follow act of council ratifying the foregoing, 19 April 1647, and certificate of proclamation at the market cross on 21st and 24th April 1647.] Haveing heard, red, and considered the said act, they of new ratifie and approve the samen in the haill articles and claussis therof, and declairs this generall ratificatione is to be alse sufficient as if it wer ane new act made this day, and ordaines the samin to be intimat of new at the mercat croce in comuni forma.

Act in favours of the tailyeours.

23 *October* 1682.

The magistrats and counsell haveing perused the lait proclamatione intituled Letters of publicatioune of the comission under the great seall anent the securitie of the peace of the Highlandis of Scotland,[1] bearing daitt the

Proclamatioun for secureing the peace of the kingdom.

[1] The Commission of Justiciary "for securing the peace of the Highlands," which is recorded in the Privy Council Register, vol. 1682-5, pp. 4-10, under date 9th August 1682, contains the following provisions:—"And for making distinction betwixt peaceable and honest men, and thieves and broken persons, no persons living within any part of the Highlands of the said shires [Caithness, Sutherland, Ross, Inverness, Cromarty, Nairn, Elgine, Banffe, Aberdeen, Kincardin, Forfar, Pearth, Stirling, Dumbartoun, Argyle, and Tarbet, and other adjacent shires,] are to bring any cowes or horses to any mercats, without a testificate in write, from a landed man, bearing the number and designation of the beasts, the name and place of residence of the merchand, and attesting that they are leilly come, under the pain of seasure and confiscatioun thereof as stollen goods; and if such testificats shall be granted, and that afterward it shall be found that any of the saids beast have been stollen, the landed man attester shall be lyable as if he were guilty, in so far as may be extended to restitution and damnage of what the law provides without any favour. And masters and magistrats who have power of mercats, and clerks therof, are discharged to permitt any beasts to be sold or bought at any mercatts till the seller deliver in to them his said testificat, with certification that the magistrate, master, or clerk of the mercat, shall be lyable for any beasts so sold and whereof the clerk keep not the certificats aforesaid as if they were art and part of the thieft themselves. And it is hereby declared that it shall not be lawfull for any person in the Highlands to travell with firearms the distance of seven miles from the ordinary place of their residence without a pass under the hand of some landed man bearing the name of the person, the place of his residence, and the place to which he is to travell and the occasion thereof, which is to bear a particular date and is to continue only for that journey; with power to our said commissioners or any one of them or any having their warrand to seiz upon, apprehend, and imprison all such persons wanting passes as aforesaid as thieves, sorners, and vagabonds, till they find caution for their good behaviour and answer to any accusation that can be brought against them." Publication of the commission was appointed to be made, *inter alia*, at "the Mercat Cross of Stirling."

Proclamatioun for securing the peace of the kingdom.

nyntein day of August last, they for obedience to that pairt therof anent testificattis to be given of the Hieland goodis comeing to the ensewing mercatt, recomendis to the clerk and others he sall appoynt to receave testificatts and grant passis conforme.

12 *April* 1683.

Doyts.

Ordaines the thesaurer to sell the doytts and ill silver which is in the boll, for which pryce he is to be countable.

8 *June* 1683.

Earle of Perth and others, burgessis.

The proveist, baillies, and counsell, receaves and admittis John earle of Pearth, &c., his Majesties justice generall of this kingdome, Sir James Foules of Collingtoun, Sir John Lockert of Castellhill, tuo of the senators of the colledge of justice and lordis commissioners, Sir George McKenzie of Rosehauch, his Majesties advocat, [and many others] to the libertie and freidome of burgessis and gild brethrin gratis.

29 *September* 1683.

Extravagant spending, and improving of comon good and revenues of hospitallis.

The magistrats and counsell takeing to their serious consideratioune the great publict debtis the toune is dew to their creditors, the annualrentis quherof and other publict burdens and necessar depursmentis the toune is yeirlie lyeable in payment of, the old comon good and revenues of this brugh will not be able to defray, by which the toune is raither contracting more debt than payeing what they are alreadie dew; and als that the Over and Naither Hospitallis foundit in the said brugh, quherof the magistrats and counsell are patrones, hes for some yeirs past bein at great loss throw the insufficiencie of some of their debtoris, the liberall bestoweing of the ordinar revenues to those persones haveing the benefitt of the mortifications, and other necessar depursments, as if the yeirlie revenues had bein fullie payed and noe want therof, whairby the stock of the said hospitallis is ane litle incroached upon. And the saidis magistrats and counsell being zeallous and cairfull to faithfullie and trewlie manadge the touns comon good and yeirlie revenues, use all meanes possible to pay the publict debtis alreadie dew, and stopeing the contracting of debt in tyme comeing, and als to preserve the saidis hospitallis frae being misguidit, hinder the stock frae being incroached upon, and hinder everie thing that may be ane stope to the improvment of them; thairfoir they nominatt and appoynt the proveist, baillie Russall, deane of gild, Duncan

Watsoune, younger, and James Russall, merchandis, Alexander Turnbull, deacon conveiner, and the deacons of the cordiners and glovers, to meitt with their first conveniencie, and to propose, treatt, and consider upon all just and faithfull wayes and methods can be taken for the improvment of the toune and hospitallis their revenues.

Extravagant spending, and improving of comon good and revennes of hospitallis.

22 *October* 1683.

Conforme to the comision granted be the magistrats and counsell daitted the 29 day of September last by past, conveined the proveist, baillie Russall, deane of gild, Duncan Watsoune, younger, and James Russall, merchandis, the conveiner and the deacons of the cordiners and glovers, and haveing fullie proposed and treatted upon the improvment of the tounes comon good and revenues, the preserving of the hospitallis and distribution of the revenues cairfullie conforme to the severall mortificationes, gave in their opinion that the articles followeing are necessar to these endis:—

For improveing comon good and revenues of hospitallis.

First, that the tounes comon good be yeirlie rouped and sett to the best availl, the imposition of thrittin shilling four pennyes upon the boll of malt and the multor sua lang as it is payed in money being alwayes excepted.

Item, to ordain that if any persone or persons be found in any maner of way aither to hinder others frae takeing of the touns revenues, giveing or takeing bribes not to offer thairfoir, that the transgressors be infamous, loss their priviledge of being burges and be fyned at the counsells pleasure.

Item, that the thrittin shilling four pennyes upon the boll of malt and money in leiw of the multour be uplifted be the collector of the excyse soe long as the excyse is in the tounes handis, for saveing of sallaries.

Item, that the said imposition of 13 s. 4 d. be keiped intire whill the money dew for procureing of the gift of the samin be payed.

Item, that the tacksmen of the remanent comon good be ordained to pay their tack dewtie quarterlie, to the effect the thesaurer may have readie money for defrayeing the tounes contingencies.

Item, that it may be ordained in tyme comeing that naither the proveist, baillies, deane of gild, or conveiner, spend any of the tounes revenues, except when necessar upon any affair of the tounes recomendit to them by particular act of counsell, certifieing them if they doe otherwayes they will pay themselves what they spend; but in caice their fall out any accidentall occasions or emergencies, wherby money must be spent, it shall be leasume to the proveist (and in his absence to the eldest baillie present) to convein ane baillie, deane of gild, and conveiner, with ane merchand and ane trades counseller, for considering upon the urgencie of the affair and necessitie therof; and if by them found

For improveing comon good and revenues of hospitallis.

necessar that the samin be don, the account quherof the first counsel day thera to befter given in and approven.

Item, that the present thesaurer, nor noe other thesaurer to be elected heirafter, spend any of the tounes ordinary revenues, aither by buildeing, repaireing, or payeing out of any money upon publict workes, without warrand frae the counsell, otherwayes not to be approven in his accounts.

Item, the present thesaurer or thesaurers to be elected heirafter, retaill noe Spanish nor French wynes, whairin if they contravein they shall not onlie loss ther office, and ane uther to be elected in his place, but alsoe fyned at the counsells pleasure.

Item, that the money in leiw of the multour ly in the collectors handis for payeing of the ministers stipend in dew tyme and the mylner for his service at the mylnes.

Item, that the masters of the Over Hospitall noeways spend ony of its revenues by furnisheing of the pensioners with bed cloathes, chamber potts, or any other furnisheing to the hous, but by advice of the proveist, dean of gild, and conveiner, if the samin be neidfull; and what is necessar to be furnished that the masters show the samin to the dean of gild befoir delyverie that the samin be sufficient; and als that the pensioners wearing cloathes be restricted to the value of twentie four pundis Scottis, and which alsoe befoir delyverie are to be sein be the dean of gild that the same be sufficient conforme to the pryce.

Item, that the pensiones and others given out of the hospitalls be soe ordered that the samin be less then the yeirlie revenues, that soe the stock be not hurt.

Item, that none of the masters of the Over and Naither Hospitallis give out to any persone or persones any of the revenues, but by ordor frae the counsell under the clerks handis, otherwayes not to be allowed.

Which haill articles being publictlie red and considered upon be the magistrats and counsell, they approve of the samin and ordaines each article above specifeit to be keiped and preserved in all tyme comeing as the statuts of this brughe.

Cordiners standing place; timber mercatt.

The magistrats and counsell haveing fullie considered upon the suplicatioune given in be the deacon of the cordiners, for himself and in name of the haill breithrein of that incorporatioune, shewing the inconveniences and loss they have throw their standeing on the mercatt dayes with their made work on the Baxters Wynd, conforme to the act of counsell daitted the 23 [April] 1681, and therfoir craveing libertie to returne to their former place and to stand on the Hie Street, as is at lenth contained in the supplicatioune, the saids magistrats and counsell, notwithstandeing of the said former act, grantis warrand to the said suplicantis to stand in the Hie Street as formerlie with their made work on their flaiks or stands on each mercatt day to come after

Friday come eight dayes. And in leiw of that mercatt in the said Baxter Wynd, appoyntis the timber mercatt to be in all tyme comeing in the said Wynd betwixt Bellis Close and the tenement pertaining to Walter Cowane.

Cordiners standing place; timber mercatt.

The magistratts and counsell considering that the guard hous on the Hie Streit is now turned naither watter nor wind tight, the samin being of timber, is of great expence to the toune, and they resolveing to have the guard in some convenient place of stain and lyme, they have appoynted the said old guard hous to be rouped and sold accordinglie.

Roupeing of the guard hous.

10 *November* 1683.

Robert Russall, proveist, and Duncan Watsone, younger, merchand, made report that, conforme to ane advice of the most pairt of the counsell, they had bein at Edinburgh in relation to the justifieing of ane calumnie laid upon the magistrats, which was ane emergencie since the last counsell day, and that they had cleared the lord high chanceller of the magistrats inocence, which was approven be the counsell.

Report anent goeing to Edinburgh; calumnie.

16 *February* 1684.

Appoyntis the thesaurer to buy for the tounes use the actis of parliament as they now are to be sold, and the samin to ly in the clerkis chamber for the tounes use.

Buyeing actis of parliament.

Appoyntis the dean of gild and conveiner to take ane account of what thrie pundis the burgessis at their entrie hes payed since the samin was in custom, and to report the nixt counsell day.

Anent the 3 lib. for the armes.

8 *March* 1684.

The magistrats made report to the counsell of Hughe Kenedie, lait proveist, his being persewed befoir them at the procurator fiscalls instance for his disobedience to the magistrats commands in maner mentionat in the complaint, whairof by probatioune he was found guiltie, and in their sentance had referred to the counsell that pairt of the bill anent his lossing the priviledge of his being ane burges and gild brother throw the said Hughe Kennedie his said disobedience; which report being considered be the saids magistrats and counsell, they find the magistrats hes proceidit justlie, and that the said Hughe Kenedie, being formerlie ane proveist, who should raither be ane good example then by his disobedience ane evill example, they fand and findis

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and decernes the said Hughe Kenedie to have thereby amitted and tint, and heirby amittes and tynes his priviledge and friedom of being ane burges and gild brother of this brugh, and that his said priviledge to him and his succession be null in all tyme comeing, and that intimatioune be made heirof this day in face of court.

26 *April* 1684.

Foote gang or plank at the shoare.

The proveist, baillies, and counsell, considering the complaint made be neighbours and otheris livering goodis at the shore, of their damadge throw the want of ane foott gang at the samin, or plank betwixt the vessell and shorbrae, they therfoir appoynt the tacksman of the shore maill to caus make ane foott gang or plank for the said service, and the samin to be furth cumeing to all vessellis comeing or goeing to or frae the said shore, and ilk vessell of ten tun burden or above to pay twa shilling for the use therof each tyme they are at the said port, and each vessell of lesser burden then ten tunnes to paye onlie ane shilling, all Scottis money.

23 *June* 1684.

Anent the 3 li. for the gunnes.

Ordains the thrie pundis formerlie intrometted with be John Martin and Alexander Barclay the tym they wer thesaureris, and what is intrometted with be this thesaurer, to be laid doun in money upon the counsell table, therafter to be putt up in the boill and trewlie applyed for buyeing of guns.

21 *July* 1684.

Militia.

Recomendis to baillie Burd and baillie Fergusone to meitt with the officeris of the touns militia companie for setling of the bodies of men to goe furth to the generall randievouze, and for that end to revise the former rolles, and for that end to appoynt leaderis wher thair is any wanting or neid of any change, and to doe evrie thing necessar for the companies outgoeing to the said randievouze.

28 *August* 1684.

Anent the frie election at Michaelmes.

The proveist, for himself and in name of baillie Burd, deane of gild, conveiner, and clerk, made report to the counsell of ane emargent since the last counsell day, which was that their was ane petition given in to the lordis of privie counsell against the touns priviledges in their frie election at Michealmes nixt, and that they wer appoynted to goe to Edinburgh to ansuere the said petition and defend the tounes priviledges, and that according

to the said comission they had obeyed, and produced the counsellis sentance upon the petition, and tounes ansueres, whairby their was to be ane frie election at Michealmes nixt; which comission and report was approven.

Anent the frie election at Michaelmes.

The proveist produced the letter frae the lord high thesaurer and thesaurer deputt requyreing the magistratis and some of their number to come in to Edinburgh in the month of November next in order to count for the common good frae the yeir 1660, which being read appoyntis obedience to be given.

Accounts of comon good.

6 *October* 1684.

In prosecution to the comandis in the lettre frae the lord high thesaurer and thesaurer deputt anent the accountis of the tounes revenues frae the yeir 1660, grantis comission to the dean of gild and baillie Watson, the conveiner and lait conveiner, to take out of the boill the haill accountis, double the samin, and doe evrie other thing necessar for prepairing them to be sent in to Edinburgh.

Accounts.

The magistratis and counsell considering that their is ane citation given to them and elders to compeir befoir the lordis of privie counsell of the district at Glasgow the fourtin instant, they appoynt the proveist, baillie Chrystison, and baillie Burd, with the clerk, to be comissioneris for attending the said dyet, and appoyntis ane letter to be writtin to the clerk of the privie counsell for clearing of some questionable pairtis in the citation.

Comission, proveist and otheris to Glasgow.

21 *October* 1684.

In regaird of the clerkis necessitie to attend the privie counsell of the district at Glasgow, the magistratis and counsell grantis comission to Robert Rind and John Williesone, his servitoris, to receave passis frae the Highlanders comeing to this mercatt and grant testificattis as formerlie be the clerk.

Hieland passis and testificatts.

30 *October* 1684.

The proveist made report of his oun, baillie Chrystison, and baillie Burdis, and clerk, goeing to Glasgow on the 14 instant, conform to the comission the last counsell day, and that on the 21 instant he with the clerk went back to Glasgow with the test and band conforme to the ordor frae the privie counsell, which was accepted of be the lordis and the toun thanked for their diligence.

Report of proveist and otheris being at Glasgow; test.

11 *February* 1685.

Proclamation of King James the Seavint.

Whairas it hath pleased God of his mercie to call from his earthlie croune to ane eternall diadem our lait soveraigne lord King Charles the Second, of evir blissed memorie, by whois death the imperiall crouns of Scotland, England, France, and Ireland, now laufullie and trewlie falls to ane high and mightie prince, James Duke of Albanie and York, his said lait Majesties deare and onlie brother; and the proveist, baillies, and counsell of this brugh being all conveined, for themselves and in name of the haill bodie and comunitie of the samin, all in one mouth and voice proclaim and declair the said highe and mightie Prince, now James the Seavint, their Soveraigne Lord, and by the grace of God, king of Scotland, England, France, and Ireland, defender of the faith; and with their lives and fortunes will obey their said Soveraign Lord, his airs and laufull successoris, defend and maintain their authorities and prerogatives against all deadlie; and recomendis to the deane of gild to convein the gild breithrin, the deacon conveiner the haill incorporat trades, and oversieris of the remanent societies their numbers, to testifie their aleadgance to our said Soveraign Lord, and report this afternoone.

Accordinglie the said haill incorporations being conveined all unanimouslie proclaimed and declaired our said Soveraigne Lord, and closed with loud acclamations GOD SAVE KING JAMES THE SEAVINT.

23 *March* 1685.

Test taken.

The magistrats and haill counsell being conveined, tooke the test upon their kneis, repeatting the samin verbatim in the name of our present soveraigne lord King James the Seavint, and ordaines the samin to be recordit and subscrivit, which was done, as in the end of this dayes meitting is insert.

16 *May* 1685.

Money for the militia.

The baillies and counsell being conveined, considering the necessitie of money to be had for payeing of the militia foott belonging to this brugh, now to goe in this present exigence, they appoynt James Keir, collector of the imposition upon the boll of malt and silver in name of multor, to pay to the captain, at the dean of gild and conveiners sight, fyve dayes pay to each sojor to be distributt be him among them; and if they abyd out in the Kingis

service any longer nor the said fyve dayes, that the said collector pay to the captain, at the saidis dean of gild and conveiners sight, fyve dayes pay therafter for each fyve days they continow furth in the service, the haill not exceiding twenty fyve days pay to each sojor; and recomendis to baillie Fergusone, dean of gild, and conveiner, to caus pay the captain, leivtenant, ensigne, and serjants, ane yeirs sallarie aither by the said collector or by the toun thesaurer, as they shall think most convenient. **Money for the militia.**

25 *May* 1685.

The baillies and counsell being conveined in prosecution of the proclamatioune daitted 28 Apryll last, intituled Act for putting the kingdom in ane postur of defence, in obedience thairof and conforme thairto they ordaine ane publict intimatione to be made throw the toune, that the haill inhabitantis within this brugh and territory thereof be readie upon the first advertisement, sufficientlie armed to attend the dyettis to be appoynted for their randievouze, and modelled in four companies under the command of the four severall baillies; impowreing them, with advice of the dean of gild and conveiner, James Steinson and Robert Russall, last proveistis, to choyse their own under officers, and the saidis baillies presentlie to list the haill fencible men in their several quarters with the armes they have, and to discharge any inhabitant frae goeing furth of the toun without leave of ane magistrat; and appoyntis the clerk to acquaint the proveist of the counsellis opinion and order, and that he may procure warrand to borrow out of the castle twa hundreth stand of airmes, ane barrell of powther, and ane chest of lead, and to learne if burgessis having land in the countrey, if their service within brugh may frie them as being heritoris. **Putteing toun in ane posture of defence.**

Appoyntis the masters of the Over Hospitall to buy ane sufficient horse and furnitur for this present exigence, and to be allowed to them. **Horse and furnitur.**

16 *June* 1685.

The magistratis and counsell appoyntis James Keir, collector of the imposition upon the boll of malt and of the money for the multour, to pay to the dean of gild and conveiner out of the forsaid impositions twa hundreth merks, to be by them sent to the captain of the touns militia companie in pairt of the second twentie dayes pay to the sojors, and approves of the eight **1000 merks to militia companie.**

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hundreth merks payed out by him alreadie for the said militia conform to his warrand the sixtin of May last.[1]

1 *August* 1685.

Making of holsters pertain to hamermens incorporatione.

John Lourie, deacon conveiner, for himself and in name and behalfe of the hamermen of the samin, represented to the magistratis and counsell that albeit the incorporatione of the hamermen, both in this brugh and most eminent brughes of this kingdome, had and onlie hes the priviledge of makeing of sadles, holsters, and all furnitur necessar therto, as is evident by their own priviledge and custom heir and by thrie severall testificattis from the tounes of Edinburgh, Perth and Linlithgow, then produced, yit the shoemakers or cordiners of this brugh hes pretendit, and yit pretendis, their incorporatione hes libertie to make holsters; humblie theirfor requeisting the magistratis and counsell to determine to which of the said twa incorporationes the priviledge of makeing holsteris doeth pertain, that accordinglie non of them incroach upon otheris priviledge when declaired; which, with the testificatt sua produced, being considered be the magistratis and counsell, and especiallie seing saidlers in this brugh are ane pairt of the incorporatioune of the hamermen in the samin, they fand and findis that the priviledge of makeing of holsters pertains onlie to the hammermen of this brugh, and therfoir discharges the shoemakers

[1] On 14th March, 1681, there was produced to the council a gift under his Majesties great seal dated 24th December preceding, granting an impost, for the space of 17 years, of 20 s. Scots on each boll of malt brewed and consumed in the burgh, or 2 d. on each pint of ale, for defraying the public debts. The council consented to the impost, subject to the approval of the trades, and farther agreed that if they preferred a voluntary contribution the amount levied would be restricted to a merk on each boll (13s. 4d.), "and that upon the payment therof the respective trades are to be frie of all cess, ministers stipends, drummer and pyper's fialls." Divided opinions were given in by the trades incorporations as to the impost, but, seeing a majority of the council approved of the modified proposal, a committee was appointed to frame the draft of the security to be given to the trades. The act of relief, approved of on 19th May, 1681, narrates that the levying of 13 s. 4 d. on the boll was agreed to by the guildry and trades on condition that the whole inhabitants were relieved of ministers' stipends, drummers' fees, cess, and all public burdens, except quartering and outputting of militia, and that all houses belonging to persons residing outwith burgh, and all areable land in and about the burgh belonging to any one, should pay public burdens as formerly. The royal gift (the procuring of which cost £5006 13 s. 4 d.) was on 21 May 1681 produced and "put up in the boill."

and cordiners in this brugh to make any holsters within this brugh in tyme comeing, as they will be ansuereable.

Making of holsters pertain to hamermens incorporatione.

3 *August* 1685.

Admittis and receaves Mr. David Bruce and Mr. William Wright, doctors of medicin, to the liberties and friedome of burges and gild breithrein of the samin brugh gratis.

Doctors admitted burgessis, &c.

21 *October* 1685.

In obedience to the thrittin act of his Majesties currant parliament, appoyntis intimatioune to be made throw the toune be tuck of drum, that the haill burgessis repair to the tolbuith befoir the magistrats and take the test at the tymes following, viz., those of the first quarter upon Tuesday at ten houres in the morneing, of the second quarter at twa in the afternoone, those of the thrid quarter upon Wednsday at ten houris in the morning, and those of the fourt quarter at twa of the clock in the afternoone.

Order for takeing of the test.

21 *March* 1686.

John M'Culloch, proveist, made report of his being at Edinburgh frae the sixt of Januarij last to the twentie sixt of Febreuarij thereafter in relation to the tounes affaires, and particularlie anent the getting payment of the tounes depursmentis the tyme of the lait rebellion whairin he had prevailled and gottin precept for 516 li., which was approven.

Depursmentis in tyme of rebellion.

5 *April* 1686.

The magistrats and councill haveing seriouslie considered the suplicatiounes of James Dick and Andrew Thomson, tacksmen of the customes at the bridge and borrowesyett, bearing that the tyme of the lait rebellion all trafique ceased, and dureing that space they had not any custome at aither of these places, at least verie litle, whairby they wer unable to pay the tack dewtie for that tyme, and it being accidentall throw the said rebellion, that they might have some allowance of their tack dewtie for their loss, as was given to such tacksmen in other royeall burrowes; they, without hurt of any act to diminish the tounes revenues, findis the loss occasioned by the said rebellion, and therfoir appoyntis the toun thesaurer to quytt each of the

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suplicantis ane monthes tack dewtie, whilk is the just twelt pairt of their haill yeiris tack dewtie.[1]

7 *September* 1686.

Tack duty for meal market quatt.

The proveist, baillies, and councill, haveing at lenth considered the suplicatione of Patrick Wright, cordiner, tacksman of the maill mercatt, casualties and impositions therto belonging, bearing that throw the great quantitie of maill in the castle, being seavin or eight thousand bollis, and now selling furth therof at ane rate far under the pryce of maill in the countrey, their has not bein for ane certain space bygane any maill, corne, and other grains brought to the maill mercatt to be sold therin, naither any will be whill the said castle maill be all sold and consumed in the countrey, whairby the great pairt of the customes payeable at the maill mercatt the said space is altogither lost, and sua the said Patrick unable to pay the tack dewtie he is bound for; and therfoir the saidis magistratis and councill, knoweing the truth of the complaint, and it was reasonable he ought to have deduction conforme to his loss, they theirfoir allow to the said Patrick Wright the soume of thrie hundreth merkis Scottis money in satisfaction of his said loss.

28 *September* 1686.

Letter frae the privie councill prohibitting election.

The proveist, baillies, and councill being conveined, and this day being appoynted by the act of the thrittin instant for electing of the new counsell and magistrats of this brugh for ane yeir to come, the letter underwrittin from the lordis of his Majesties privie councill prohibiteing and dischargeing the samin dureing his Majesties pleasure, and the authorizeing of the proveist, baillies, and councill present to continow and exerce whill his Majestie should

[1] Similar abatements of tack duty, consequent on the "rebellion" of 1679, are noticed in the following entry, dated 23 April 1681:—"The proveist, baillies and counsell, haveing considered upon the petition given in be James Dick and Androw Thomsone, tacksmen of the customs at the bridge and Burrowesyett, beareing that the tyme of the Hielanders their goeing to the west countrey in anno 1678, and dureing the tyme of the lait rebellion in anno 1679, all comerce did stope whairby they lossed ane great pairt of the benefitt they should have had of the customes the saidis respective tymes, and that the neighbour royeal burrowes, particularlie Perth, Linlithgow, and Glasgow, had granted ease to their tacksmen of the customs for the loss they then had by the caussis forsaid . . . they have ordained and appoynted the toun thesaurer to allow and discount to them ane fourt pairt or quarter of ane yeirs of their tack dewtie the said yeir 1679."

signifie his furder pleasure, was produced and publictlie red, whairunto the proveist, baillies, and counsell gave obedience, and appoyntis the said letter to be recordit in the counsell bookes, whairof the tenor followes:—Affectionat freindis,—Whaireas his sacred Majestie, by his royeall letter daitted at the court of Windsore the twelt day of September instant, signified that all elections in royeall burrowes be suspendit untill his royeall pleasure be knowne thairanent, yow are theirfoir, in persewance theirof, expresslie prohibitted and discharged, as ye will ansuere at your perrill, to elect any new magistrats or councill within your brugh for this yeir, and you and the present councill are by his Majesties authoritie heirby authorized to continow and exerce as magistrats and councill untill his Majestie shall signifie his furder pleasure. Signed, at command and in name of his Majesties privie counsell, by,—your affectionat freind. *Sic Subr.* PERTH, Cancell. I. P. D. Edinburgh the 16th of September 1686. Direct on the back: For the proveist and baillies of the brugh of Striveling, or any ane of them, to be communicatt to the toun councill thairof. In heast.

Letter frae the privie council prohibitting election.

Haveing considered the suplicatioune of Mr. John Yembathie, Hungarian, of his leaving of his native countrey for feare of the protestant religion whairof he is ane professor, his continoweing in this nation for severall yeirs past, and the gift this day given to the toun of the Ten Comandementis, the Lordis Prayer, and the Creed, all writtin with his oun hand in ane table, and the Royeall Oake in ane other, they appoynt the thesaurer to give the said Mr. John for the caussis foirsaid twentie rex dollors, and the saidis tables or broads to be set up in the councill hous.

Mr. John Yembathie 20 dollaris; Ten Comandments, &c.

Considering that the said councill hous is not keiped cleane and in that ordor it ought to be, throw persones lyeing theirin, they statut and ordain that in tyme comeing noe person nor persones be keiped prisoneris in the said councill hous, and those who are presentlie therin to remove furth therof to the high chamber, and the keyes of both the back and foir doore of the councill hous to be delyvered presentlie to the thesaurer.

Prisoners in the councill hous.

19 *October* 1686.

In presence of George lord Livingstowne, one of the lords of his Majesties privie counsell, speciallie recommended to be present at the admission of the magistrats and counsell of the said burgh this day and pleace, and sie his

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Majesties royeall pleasur theranent regularlie and effectwallie putt in executione, conforme to his Majesties letter and act of counsell underwrittin relative therto, wherof the tennore followes:—Edinburgh, the fyftein day of October j^m vj^c eighty six yeiris. Forasmuch as the Kings most excellent Majestie haith, by a letter direct under his royall hand to his privie cownsell, signified that wheras by his royall letter of twelt day of September last his Majestie did signifie his royall pleasure for suspending the electione of magistrats in the royall burrowes of this his ancient kingdom untill his Majestie should think fitt to declaire his royall pleasure theranent to his privie cownsell, and that the same should be by ther act intimat unto them respectivly; and his Majestie being now resolved to nominat and appoynt the persones underwrittin magistrats, cownsellers, and clerk, for the brugh of Strevling, as such whom he judges most loyall and readie to promott his service and most forward to support the good and interest of the said burgh; wherfor the lords of his Majesties privie cownsell, in persueance of his Majesties commands aforsaid, doe heirby nominat and appoynt Hugh Kennedye of Schelloch to be proveist of the said burgh of Striveling, [here follow the names of bailies, councillors, treasurer, clerk, and others, all of whom accepted office and took the test].

21 *October* 1686.

Deane of gild for this fair.

The proveist, baillies and counsell, in regaird that Alexander Jack his being furth of the kingdome, and that he is nominat dean of gild to this burgh be his Majesties counsell for this yeir to come, and considering the necessatie ther is that one officiatt in his pleace tomarrow for visiting the chapmen stands, they nominat and appoynt Thomas Millar, baillie, in his pleace tomarrow for doeing therof.

25 *October* 1686.

Act in favores of Proveist Kennedye.

The bailies and cownsell taking to ther consideratione that amongst the rest of Robert Russall and his relationes ther malicious and unwarrantable proceidings whyll they wer in the magistracie against seaverall honnest and weill deserving men within this burgh, whos respect to the good and interest of the samen would not allow them to complye with the said Robert Russall and his relationes in their acts and desyres, and that ther was ane act of counsell ishued out by them on the eight day of March j^m vj^c eightie four yeiris, wherby, upon pretext of Hugh Kennedy, present proveist of this burgh, (therin designed lait proveist) his alledgeat dissobedience to them as then magistrats,

and refering himself to the then counsell anent his losseing the privilege of being ane burges and gild brother, they most unjustly declaired and decerned the said Hugh Kennedy to have omitted and tint his said privileg and freedome of the said burgh, and that the samen should be null to him and his successione in all tym comeing; which act being considered this day be the saids baillies and cownsell, with the unjust grounds and pretences wherupone the samen was founded, they all of one consent find and declair that the said Robert Russall and his relationes hes most unwarrantablie and maliciously proceedit in the said matter, and therfor declairs the forsaid act and haill contents therof to be null in all tyme comeing, and the said Hugh Kennedy to have the privileg of ane burges and gild brother of this burgh, and that his said privilege shall be as effectwall to him and his successione as if the said act had never bein maid; and ordains James Norie, ther clerk, to mark upon the marginis of the said act that this day the samen is declared null and the said Hew Kennedy restored to his former privileg as said is. **Act in favores of Proveist Kennedye.**

29 *January* 1687.

The councill taikeing to their consideratione the severall supplicationes given in be James Miller, tacksman of the customes of the troan from Mertimes 1684 to Mertimes 1685, James Dick, tacksman of the Borrowsyet the said space, Androw Thomsone, tacksman of the bridge the said space, and Thomas Reoch, tacksman of the meal mercat the samen space, mentioning that quhair they, and ilk ane of them, hes sustained great and considerable loss as tacksmen forsaid through the late Argyle his rebellione, quhich occasioned the ceasing of all trade and commerce the most part of the space above writtin; which being sufficientlie understood to the councill, they have quat and heirby quytes and gives doune to ilk ane of the saids petitioners tua moneths of the forsaid yeares tack duetie, and ordaines James Miller who was treasurer that year to defalk the same to them. It is alwayes provyded that quhatevir was quat by the former magistrats to any of the saids petitioners is to taike noe effect, bot shall be interpret as ane part of the saids tua moneths now quat as said is. **Act in favores of the townes tacksmen.**

29 *March* 1687.

The council appoyntes John Moir, toune treasurer, to acquaint John Nimmo that they have discharged his sending here of the newes letters in all tyme comeing. **Neweslettres.**

Pyper, drummer, and post.

The councill taiking to their consideratione the great debt and burdein contracted upon the toune by the former magistrats, quhairby without augmenting of the said debt they cannot allow the sellaries underwrittin, thairfoir they have unanimouslie discharged and hereby discharges the offices of toune drummer, pyper, and post, in all tyme heireafter dureing the councills pleasure, and lykewayes discharges the payment of their former sellaries to them or any of them dureing the space forsaid.

Act in favores of John Dick.

The councill taiking to their consideratione how unjustlie the former magistrats, being acted by splen and malice against John Dick, conveener, did constraine him to pay ane hundered poundes Scotes moneye upon the accompt of some alleadgit damnadge done by him to the tounes milnes and damms, therfore they ordaine John Moir, treasurer, to repaye the said soume to the said John Dick.

Schoolmaster.

The counsill, upon certane considerationes, declares Mr. William Broune, schoolmaster of the said burgh, frie from the payment of the merk of the boll of malt to be browen be him for the use of his familie in all tyme heirafter.

19 *September* 1687.

Privie councillis lettre prohibiting election.

The proveist, baillies, and councill of the said burgh, being conveened for filling up the merchand councill in order to the electione appoynted to be upon the xxiiij instant conforme to ane act of the xij instant, the lettere underwrittin from the lords of his Majesties privie councill prohibiting and dischargeing the electione of new magistratis and councelloris during his Majesties pleasure, and authorizing the proveist, baillies, and councill present to continwe and exerce quhile his Majestie should signifie his furder pleasure, was produced and publictlie red, wherunto the saidis proveist, baillies, and councill gave obedience, and appoyntis the said lettre to be recorded in the councill bookes, quhairof the tenor followes:—Affectionat frinds,—Wheras his most sacred Majestie hes, by his royal lettere dated at the court at Bath the eight of September instant, signified that all electiones in royal burrowes be suspended untill his Majesties royal pleasure be knoune theiranent, you are theirfoir, in persueance theirof, heirby expresslie prohibited and discharged, as you will ansuere at your perrill, to elect any new magistratis or councill within your burgh this yeare, and yow and the present magistratis and councill are by his Majesties authoritie heirby authorised to continwe and exerce as

magistratis and councill untill his Majestie shall signifie his further pleasure. Signed, in name and by warrand of his Majesties privie councill, by your affectionat frind. *Sic Subscribitur:* HAMILTON, I. P. D. Edinburgh, 16th September, 1687. Direct on the back: For the proveist and remanent magistratis of the burgh of Sterling, or either of them, to be communicat to the toune councill theirof.

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24 *October* 1687.

The magistrats and councill of the said burgh being conveened, their was ane supplicatione given in to them by John Lyone, present deacone of the cordiners, for himselfe and in name and behalfe of the haill remanent breithering of the said trade, mentioning that quhair Thomas Glen, merchand in Sterling, hes, contrare to the priviledge of the samen trade and aggriement betwixt merchands and trades, cutted and sold out to severall persones, in sole and heel peeces, severall hydes of bend lether, as at more lenth is contained in the said supplicatione; which being considered by the saidis magistrats and councill, with the said Thomas his acknowledgement theirof, they ordaine the said Thomas to inact himselfe in the toune councill book not to cutt and sell in pairts any bend or other forraigne lether in any tyme comeing, under the penaltie of fowrtie pounds Scotes money, *toties quoties.* In obedience quhairunto, the said Thomas willinglie inacts and obleidges himselfe to the effect forsaid, and quhairunto the proveist and baillies for themselves and in behalfe of the remanent members of councill hes interponed their authoritie.

Act, the cordiners against Thomas Glen.

5 *November* 1687.

The councill taiking to their consideratione the eight article of ane act of the toune councill made upon the tuentie tua day of October 1683, dischargeing the treasurer for the tyme and treasurers to be elected therafter from selling or retailing any Spanish or French wynes, under the paines and penalties therin contained, they find the said act to have beine unjust and prejudiciall to the libertie of the treasurers, and that upon that accompt it hes never bein practised bot fallen in perfyte desuetude, and thairfor the councill rescinds the said act and declares the same null and of noe availe in all tyme comeing.

Rescinding act against thesaureris selling wynes, &c.

24 *December* 1687.

In presence of Patrick Grahame, shereiff depute of the shyre of Sterling, appoynted to be present at the admissione of the magistrats and council of this burgh this day and place, and to sie his Majesties royeall pleasure theiranent

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regularlie and effectualie put in execution, conforme to his Majesties lettere and act of council underwrittin relative therto, wherof the tenor followes: Edinburgh, the threttein day of December 1687. The lords of his Majesties privie council, in persewance of his Majesties royeal commands signified to them in a lettere dated at the court at Whythall the tent day of November lastbypast, doe heirby nominat and appoynt the persones underwrittin to be magistrats and counsellers and clerk of the burgh of Sterling during the current year, as such whom his Majestie judges most loyeall and readie to promote his service and most forward to promote the good and interest of the said burgh, viz., Hugh Kennedye of Schelloch to be proveist therof; Robert Johnstoune, James Broune, John M'Nair, and John Moir, ballies; Alexander Jack, dean of gild, John Dick, conveener, David Moir, thesaurer; [follow names of councillors, being seven merchants and six deacons of crafts;] and James Norie to be clerk; all which persones are heirby authorized to continwe in their respective offices aforsaid [till Michaelmas 1688]. Compeired the haill fornamit persones, except the said Alexander Jack, and accepted the respective offices abovenamit in and upon them and gave their oathes *de fideli admistratione.*

16 *October* 1688.

Act of council nominating the magistratis and council.

The proveist, baillies, and council of the said burgh, being conveened, compeired Patrick Grahame, shereiff deput of Sterling, as being appoynted to be present at the admissione of the magistratis and council of this burgh this day and place, and to sie his Majesties royeal pleasure theranent regularlie and effectuallie put in executione, their was produced ane act of his Majesties privie council relative to his Majesties royeal lettre, nominating and appoynting the persones underwrittin to be magistratis, counsellors, and clerk of the burgh of Sterling for ane year to come, as such whom his Majestie judges most loyeall and readie to promote his service and most forward to promote the good and interest of the said burgh, viz., [here follow names.] All quhich persones being present as said is accepted the saids offices in and upon them and gave their oathes *de fideli administratione* as use is.

15 *April* 1689.

Proclamation of King and Queen.

The councill appoyntes their Majesties King William and Queen Marie to be proclamed at the Cross the morrow with all solemnitie.

1 *June* 1689.

John Murray of Towchadam, Sir Alexander Hope of Kerse, George Stirling of Herbertshire, William Cunninghame of Boqwhan, and Alexander Monro of Bearcrofts, oversiers nominat and appoynted by the estates of this kingdome to the electione of the magistrats and council of this burgh till Michaelmes nixt, conforme to ane act made by the saids estates and ordor emitted by them prorogatting the dyet of the said electione till this day, haveing mett in obedience to the said act and ordour, as also James Norie, towne clerk of Sterling, and James Finlaysone, writer there, who is joyned by the said act of estates with the said James Norie as to the mater of the said electione, being present, and having in obedience to the said act conveened the haill habil burgessis for giving in their votes and lists in ordor to the samen electione, the saidis oversiers ordained the said James Norie to read and publish the said act of estates, and ordor prorogatting the samen electione till this day, which accordinglie he did and quhairof the tenour followes:—At Edinburgh the eightine day of Apryle 1689 yeares. The estates of this kingdome having heard and considered a representatione made from the commissioneris from the royall burrowes for regulating the magistracie and councilis theirof, bearing that it was their opinione that the haill burghs forsaid should have a new electione of magistrats and councill by the pol of the burgessis bearing burding in the respective burghs, excluding honorarie burgessis, tounes servantis, pensioners, and beedmen; and alsoe having considered the representationes made by several burghs why they ought to continue their magistracie and council, as being frielie elected according to their privileges and constitutiones; the estates doe find that generallie the haill forsaid royall burghs have suffered incroatchments upon their liberties and privileges by lettres and recomendatiounes from the King, his councill, and otheris having power and influence, wherby these severall yeares past many of the burgesses otherwayes qualified to elect and be elected have bein debarred; therfor the estates doe give ordor for ane new electione of the ordinarie magistrats and council of the towne of Sterling to continue till the ordinar tyme about Michaelmes nixt, and to be chosen by the pol at the said burgh of Sterling the eleavint day of May nixt, and the estates doe nominat and appoynt Sir Alexander Hope of Kerse, the lairds of Glentirren, Polmais, Herbertshyre, Buchwhan, Powhowse, and Commissar Monro, or any tuo of

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them, to be present and sie the said electione made; and ordaines James Norie, towne clerk, and James Finlaysone, who is heirby joyned with the said James Norie as to the mater of the electione of the saidis magistrats of Sterling, to conveene the habile burgesses, and in caice either of the foresaidis persones their refusal that the accepter shall proceed in the said electione in the samen maner as was formerlie ordored and appoynted in the electione of the magistrats and towne councill of Edinburgh and Dundie. Extracted owt of the records of the meetting of estates by me. *Sie subscribitur*: JA: DALRYMPLE, Cl.

Als followes the ordor for prorogating the dyet of electione to this day:—Edinburgh, May 8, 1689. The committie of estates having heard a representation that their was ane uncertaintie of the dyet of the electione of the magistrats and council of the towne of Sterling, whither upon the tent or eleavint instant, wherby the oversiers and inhabitantis might be in dowbt when to attend, and that some of the inhabitants who had right and privilege of voting in the said ellectione are called as witnessis in the complaint against Mr. James Hunter, minister in the said towne, to appear befor the said committie the tent instant, they doe therfore hereby continue the said electione of the saids magistrats and council till the first day of Junij nixt, at quhich tyme ordaines the said electione to proceed by the pol conforme to the act of estates direct theiranent. *Sic Subr*: ROSSE, Pr.

Theirafter the saidis oversiers recomended to the haill respective electoris to nominat and appoynt four of their number at ingiving of all the lists, that in caice any inhabile persones should intrude themselves the persones soe appoynted might give in their objectiones against them, and accordinglie Duncan Watsone, younger, and John Burd, late baillies, John Dick, dean of gild, and Harie Chrystisone, merchand, wer named by the haill electores and did attend and give in their objectiones in maner underwrittin. And the saidis James Norie and James Finlaysone, clerkes, being appoynted to proceed in calling of the haill habile burgessis and receaving in of their lists, it was protested by the said John Burd that befor farder procedour the towne council book might be produced befor the oversiers in respect of ane act therin bearing ane oath made by the towne council, wherby no magistrat is to continue longer in office than tuo yeares togither, and that no magistrat is aither to accept of the said office or voyce for any to continue longer then the said space,[1] and

[1] See 10 Nov. 1680, pp 30-31.

whatever persone under that obligatione shall offer to voyce contrare therto he protests that their votes might not be respected, and for remead of law. To quhich it was ansuered by the said Henrie Chrystie that their was no such act produced, and, albeit it wer, oppones the act of estates allowing ane frie election without any reservatione except onlie townes servants, honorarie burgesses, pensioners and beedmen.

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It was objected by the said Duncan Watsone that John Dick, dean of gild, was neither capable to elect or be elected in respect he was ane townes servant, had ane yearlie pensione of them, and therby incapable conforme to the estates act; to quhich it was answered that he was ane tenent of the townes, payed them ane yearlie tack duetie, bot had noe pensione from the towne.

It was lykewayes protested by the said John Dick againest proveist Russall, baillie Watsone, and their relationes, that they having missmannaged the comon good of this burgh for quhich they are inhibite and process raised against them befor the lords, and upon that accompt theye were neither capable to elect nor be elected.

It was lykewayes protested by the said Duncan Watsone against proveist M'Culloch that he was neither capable to elect nor be elected, in respect of his missmannagement of the townes comone good, quhairby he had contracted above four thousand merkes upon the townes score beyond the yearlie revenues, and that his accompts hes bein severall tymes revised by the towne council and not allowed in respect of the extravagancie therof.

And as to the alleadgit malversationes committed by proveist Russall and his relationes, it was answered that, if any be, the protester, John Dick, was art and pairt and since hes allowed of the accompts under his hand; as alsoe the said Duncan oppones that same objection against baillie Burd, being baillie with proveist M'Culloch and concurring with him in his malversationes.

It was also objected that Robert Russall, elder, being ane townes servant, in soe far as he collects the merk upon the boll of malt, multure, and impost, in place of Hugh Kennedye, and he neither bearing scot nor lot with the remanent burgesses, ought not ather to elect nor be elected. To which it was answered that, as to the first pairt alleadging him to be ane townes servant, his collecting the merk upon the boll with the multur and impost is by warrand from Hugh Kennedye, principall collectour therof, appoynted by the towne council during

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the said Hugh his absence, and hes no allowance theirfoir from the towne, soe that he can noewayes be frustrat of his libertie in voting as ane burges, sieing he is willing to dimitte his charge at the ingiving of his leet befor he wer frustrat therof. As to the second it can be instructed that he beares his proportionall pairt of all publict burdings with the rest of the burgessis according to his abilitie and capacitie.

It was lykewayes objected against Robert Henderson, elder, weaver, that he not being ane burges owght not to vote.

It was also objected against John Chrystie in Spittell that he not being ane residenter within this burgh could not vote. To quhich it was answered that he is ane burges of the burgh and hes borne portable burding with the remanent burgesses these xxiiij yeares bygone.

It was also objected againest John Edmondstone, elder, gairdner, that he could not vote not being within the privilege of the burgh and never bearing portable burding with the rest of the neighboures; to which it was answered that he beares publict burding, their being ane ensigne presentlie quartered on him.

It was objected against James Andersone, maltman, that his vote could not be sustained he being absent himselfe and in health; to quhich it was answered that he should compeir and owne his list befor the oversiers removed.

It was objected against James Watsone, maltman, that he not living within the jurisdictione of the burgh nor bearing portable burding his vote could not be respected. It was alsoe objected againest Cudbert Andersone that he being absent furth of towne his vote in wreat could not be sustained. It was objected against Jonathan Dropper that he being ane townes servant under the beddall, and having ane yearlie pensione upon that accompt, ought not to have ane vote. It was lykewayes objected against Robert Chambers in respect of his absence out of towne. It was objected against James Willisone in respect he lives not within towne, and against Harie Duncan in respect of his absence. It was alsoe objected against Hugh Willisone and Thomas Murdoch that they ought not to have the benefite of ane vote in this electione in respect they neither resyde within this burgh nor beares portable burding with the rest of the neighboures; to quhich it was answered by Harie Chrystie that he oppones the ansure made by John Burd to the objectione against James Willisone in soe far as concernes this objection

against Hugh Willisone; and as to the objectione against Thomas Murdoch it is offered to be instructed that he watched and warded with the inhabitants this year and payed his proportional pairt of the outreik of the militia with the remanent burgesses.

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It was farder objected by the said John Burd againest provost Russall and Duncan Watsone that, the one being provost and the other dean of gild, about threttine yeares agoe did, without aither law, reasone, or authoritie, impose upone the inhabitants of this burgh, including both masteris and servants above sixtine yeares of age, ane pol of tuentie shillings Scotes for their oune privie interests and designs, and therefore theye are incapable to vote. To which it was answered that quhatever they did they had ane act of council approving it, and this objectione omitted at the ingiving of the leett owght not now to be admitted.

It was lykewayes protested by the said John Burd againest John Stevinsone, maltman, that he could not be heard to vote in respect he was ane townes servant as quarter master and had ane pensione upon that accompt; to which it was answered by the said Haric Chrystie that the objectione being false and calumnious noe respect ought to be had therto.

It was alsoe protested by the said John Burd that non of the tacksmen of the townes revenues owght to have ane vote in this electione because albeit they stand obleidged to pay ane definit tack duetie yet the same was conditional, soe that in caice the tack dueties could not be made up they wer to have ane ease therof. To quhich it was answered by the said Henrie Chrystie that he opponed the towne council book wherin they are obleidged to pay the said tack dewtie without any such conditione, neither was the towne concerned with the tacksmen bot onlie the towne treasurer, who is comptable to the towne and had taken cautione of the tacksmen for his securitie of the said tack duetie, and albeit they should never make up the samen yet it was upon the treasurers and not the townes hazard.

And the saids burgessis having compeired and given in their severall listis, the saidis oversiers and clerks did proceed in the perusing and marking therof, and the day being spent the saidis oversiers sealled all with the marking of the votes within ane bag, and recomended to the saidis John Murray of Touchadam, Sir Alexander Hope of Kerse, George Stirling of Herbertshire, Robert Rollo of Powhowse, or any two of them, to proceid to the consideratione

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of the remanent listis upon Monday nixt, the thrid instant, be eight o'clock in the morning, and to collect the saidis remanent votes and declare the said electione according to the haill votes, with respect alwayes to the objectiones made by all the foirnaimed persones in caice the cleir and unquestionable votes of otheris should not finalie determine the said electione; and farder they ordaine that, whenever the ellectione should be concluded, the wholl lists together with the clerkis roll of the burgessis should be sealled againe within the said bag, to remaine in the clerkis handis as the ground of the said electione, to be made furthcomeand in caice of any question theranent.

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The lairds of Polmais, Kerse, and Herbertshyre, to whom it was recomended by the former act to be present this day to consider and compute the listis that wer not calculat upon Saturnday last, the first instant, having accordinglie mett this day, perused and calculat the saidis listis quhich wer not formerlie considered, togither with the list of the gildrie, they find, after just calculatione of the saidis haill listis, the persones following to be duelie elected in magistratis and cownselleris of this burgh till Michaelmes next, viz., Hugh Kennedye of Schelloch, proveist; Robert Johnstone, Alexander Chrystison, John M'Nair and John Moir, baillies; John Dick, dean of gild; David Moir, treasurer; James Russall, John Martine, Alexander Edmonstone, James Baird younger, James M'Nair, John M'Goune and Walter Allan, merchandis and councelouris; James Graham, deacon of the hammermen and conveener, Henrie Finlaysone, deacon of the weavers, Thomas Allan, deacon of the taylouris, John Lyon, deacon of the cordiners, Thomas Cudbert, deacon of the glovers, Patrick Thomson, deacon of the fleshers, and Francis Howstoun, deacon of the baxters, and counceloris; and hereby declares the samen electione accordinglie; and the saids oversiers hes instantlie taiken the oath of the said Hugh Kennedye *de fideli* as use is, and recomendis to him to take the oathes of the haill remanent magistratis and counselleris with the first conveniencie.

14 *June* 1689.

James Norie toun clerk.

The magistrats and council hes elected James Norie towne clerk till Michaelmes nixt, who gave his oath *de fideli.*

17 *June* 1689.

Souldiers.

The magistrats and council, taking into consideratione the abuses com-

mitted by the souldieris in my lord Kenmures regiment to the inhabitants of this burgh through want of their pay to satisfie their dyet, have appoynted fourtie poundis starling moneye to be borrowed by the towne and the treasurer to give bond theirfor, and the said moneye to be lent to the leivetenant collonell and major of the said regiment who will give bond theirfor payeable upon demand, and quhich will supplie the souldiers till their pay come up. **Souldiers.**

22 *July* 1689.

The magistrats and council being conveened for setting the customes of this burgh for the ensweing fair, and none offering to take the same or bid theirfor in respect of the trowbles, the cowncil appoynts Duncan Murisone to collect the custome of the Borrowsyet, and Andrew Thomsone the custome of the bridge and staigs, and to give accompt theirof to the treasurer upon oath, and they to be satisfied for their paines. **Customs of the fair; troubles.**

9 *September* 1689.

The magistrates and council in respect of the present trowbles have discharged the ryding of the ensueing fair onlie for this year. **Riding of fair discharged.**

The council haveing considered the petitione given in by John Adam, Andrewe Huttone, and William Edmond, anent the loss of their horssis that caried the baggage to Gyliecrankie,[1] they appoynt the dean of gild and conveener to give to the saids John Adam and Andrew Hutoune, ilk ane of them, tuentie tuo pounds Scotes, and to the said William Edmond threttie fyve poundis six shilling eight penies, quhich shall be allowed in the comptis of the merk upon the boll, &c. **Horssis that carried baggage to Killiecrankie.**

28 *September* 1689.

The proveist, baillies, and council of the burgh of Sterling being mett in the council house of the said burgh for electing new counsellers for the samen burgh for ane yeare to come, conforme to the new sett of the said burgh contained in ane decreit of declarator pronunced by the lords of councill and sessione upon the day of j^m vj^c four score [eighty one][2] yeares, compeired John Burd, late baillie in Sterling, and Robert Gib, merchand, there, as persones appoynted by the lords of his Majesties privie councill for **Election.**

[1] The battle of Killiecrankie was fought on 27 July 1689.

[2] See 14 March, 1681, p. 32.

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receaving of the lists of the magistrats, cowncellors, and deacones of crafts to be elected this ensweing year, and allowed to be present at the said electione, and give in their objectiones against any illegal procedour that should happen to be used in the samen electione, conforme to ane act of the saids lords of council dated the xxiiij day of September instant; which act being publictlie red in face of council, and conform theirto the saids John Burd and Robert Gib continweing present with the saids magistrats and councill the haill tyme of the said electione, the saids magistrats and council did proceed theirin . .

8 *February* 1690.

Councill book.

The magistrats and council appointes the council book to be filled up betuixt and the next council day; and the last electione, in obedience to the lords of privie council their decreit, to be filled up; as alsoe the act approveing the rescinding of the act in anno 1687, with all other acts relative theirto in favoures of the baxters,[1] to be insert the verrie day after the last electione, in respect the same were reallie past in council that day.

17 *February* 1690.

Anent souldiers accompts.

The council commissionats baillie Burd to goe to Edinburgh with the accompts of the haill debts due by the souldiers to the inhabitants of this burgh, as alsoe with the accompt of the bagadge horses furnished by the toune, and to use all diligence and moyean for recovering payment theirof.

4 *March* 1690.

Tack duty quitt.

The councill considering the petition given in to them by the tacksmen of the bridge from Mertimes 1688 to Mertimes 1689, they, in respect of the troubles that occurred that year, and the promise made to the petitioners at taiking of the said tack that quhat loss they should sustaine should be considered, quytes them of their tack duty the said year 500 merks, Scots money. [Abatements also made to the other tacksmen of town's revenues for the same reason.]

19 *April* 1690.

Act anent baggage horses.

The council taiking to their consideratione the great abuses committed by the souldiers in pressing of horssis, quhairby it often occures that one or

[1] Acts of this description are not recorded in the council book.

tuo of the omni gatherum beares the greatest burding therfor, they appoynt the tuo oversiers of that incorporatione to conveine their haill memberis and to taike ane true accompt of what horses they have, and to proportionat the bagadge horssis equallie amongst them that non be overburdened; and the council promeissis to satisfie them not onlie for the hyre of the saidis horssis bot alsoe the pryce of the saidis horssis in caice they be lost; withall certifieing that if any of them shall give their horssis without the magistratis warrand it shall be upon their oune perrill, soe that the toune shall not be concerned theirwith. Act anent baggage horses.

Receaves and admittes Hugh M'Kay of Scourie, major general and commander in cheiffe of their Majesties forces in this kingdome, [and several otheris,] to the freidome of burgesses and neighboures of this burgh, all gratis, who gave their oathes *de fideli.* Gratis burgesses.

19 *August* 1690.

In presence of John Dick, proveist, John Burd and John M'Gowan, baillies, compeared the persones underwritten, councelloris of the said burgh, and in obedience of ane act and proclamation of their Majesties privie councill, dated the fourt day of August instant, did, conforme to the tenor therof, subscryve the certificat and assurance subjoyned to the oath of alleadgeance formerly taken and sworn by them and lykewayes subjoyned to the said act of councill, wherof the tenor followes: Wee [here follow names] doe in the sincerity of our harts assert, acknowledge, and declare that their Majesties King William and Queen Mary ar the only lawfull and undoubted Sovraignes, King and Queen of Scotland, als well *de jure* as *de facto,* and in the exercise of the government, and therfor doe sincerely and faithfully promise and engadge that wee, with hart and hand, lyfe and goods, maintain and defend their Majesties title and government against the late King James, his adhearents, and all other enemies, who either by open or secret attempts shall disturb or disquiet their Majesties in the exercise therof. Assurance of alleadgeance taken.

23 *October* 1690.

The councill hes given up the touns great seallis to the dean of gild and conveiner to be putt up by them in the boll; and that in noe tyme comeing their be noe burgesses made gratis till the councill be first conveined and they consent therto. Touns sealls; gratis burgesses.

8 *June* 1691.

Anent the hearth money.

The proviest, baillies, and councill of the said burgh, taking to their consideration that their is due and payable furth of each hearth within this burgh and territories therof fourtein shilling Scotts money, conform to ane late act of parliament made theiranent, and albeit the plurality of the burgessis and inhabitants of the samen burgh have condescended to pay their oun hearth money in consideration of the great and extraordinary expenssis the toun hes bein put to these tuo yeiris bygon, yett severallis of the tradsmen and other inhabitantis doe scrouple to pay the said hearth money, being aprehensive that their paying therof may infring, derogat from, and make void the act of releife subscryved by the magistrats and councill of this burgh upon the eightin day of May j^{m} vj^{c} and eighty one yearis, wherby the magistrats and councill for the caussis therin contained stands bound and oblidged to freith, releive, and disburden the saids heall inhabitants of all cess and uther publict burdeings whatsomevir; and now the saidis proviest and baillies and councill being desyrous to remove these scrouples and to secure the saidis heall burgessis and inhabitants against any breach of the said act of releiffe, therfoir they doe heerby unanimously declare that they acknowledge and doe heerby take the saids burgessis and inhabitants their paying of their respective hearth money as ane gratuitous act and favor done be them to this burgh in consideration of the multiplied cess payed furth therof, and the extraordinar expenssis and debursementis of the said burgh expended upon the publict accompt the said tyme; and as the saids magistrats and councill by these presentis oblidges them that the saids burgessis and inhabitants their paying of the said hearth money at this tyme shall not be looked upon as ane precedent, nor be obligatorie upon them for payment of the same or the lyke imposition in any tyme comeing, and heerby declares that the saids burgessis and inhabitantis their paying of the said hearth money at this tyme shall noewayes infring or derogat from the said act of releife in any point, which act of releiffe the saidis magistratis and councill doe heerby ratifie, aprove and confirm.

14 *September* 1691.

Charges of tounes commissioners.

The councill aproves of the act underwrittin and remitts to the dean of gild, conveener, and rest of the deacones, to gett their respective incorporationes

aprobation therof and to report the next councill day, wherof the tenor followes:—The proviest, baillies, and councill of the said burgh, taking to their consideration that their hath bein noe act nor statut hitherto made for regulating the charges and expenssis of such who hes or may represent this burgh as comissioner to the parliament or convention of estates, wherby unnecessar debaits have frequently occurred betuixt the toun councill of this burgh and their comissioner, to the great prejudice of this burgh and common good therof; and the said proviest, baillies, and councill of the said burgh, being now resolved to putt all such debaitts away and prevent the same in the futur, and for that effect they heerby statut and ordain four pounds Scotts a day for defraying the charges and expenssis of the said comissioner dureing the sitting of the parliament or convention, and the soum of tuelve pound money forsaid for his own expence and horssis in goeing to attend the said parliament or convention, wherever they shall meitt, and the lyke soum for bringing him home at the rising of any of the saids parliaments or convention; and seing that their ar frequent adjournements in parliament or conventiones of estates, and wher any adjournments doe not exceid the space of six dayes that the said comissioner shall have the lyke soum of four pounds for every day of the said six sua oft as the samen shall happen, and wher the saids adjournments exceid the said space of six dayes if they continow without order from the parliament or toun councill of Stirling it shall be repute to be their own bussienes that keeps them, and shall have noe allowance bot the day after the adjournement and a day preceiding the sitting doun of the said parliament or convention; and ordains this present act to be punctuallie observed in all tyme comeing. And in regaird their hes bein severall acts of councill resceinded, albeit the same wer for the good and intrest of the burgh, wherfor the councill remitts to the dean of gild, conveiner, and deacones, to represent this present act to their severall incorporationes and gett their consent and aprobation theirof, to the end that it may not be in the councills power to alter or innovat this present act without consent of the saids incorporationes in all tyme comeing, and to insert a double of the said act in the court books belonging to the said incorporationes wherin they ratifie and aprove the said act of council.

Charges of tounes commissioners.

15 *February* 1692.

The magistrats and councill of this burgh being conveined, and takeing to their consideration that they, as patrons of the church of Stirling, had, by

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vertew of the priviledge reserved to them by ane act of parliament, doted and mortified the second ministeris stipend, being vaccand anno 1690, to James Finlaysone, writter in Stirling, touards the reparation of the bridge of Stirling and other pious uses designed by the said mortification and donation, which being legally recovered be the said James Finlaysone and actuallie and truely applyed by him towardis the end designed hes not totalie compleited the said reparation; as also the saidis magistratis and council considering that they have reallie and actuallie advanced and payed the second yearis vaccant stipend, anno 1691, not onlie to severall ministeris, both presbeterian and episcopal, who have in great measur supplied the vaccancie of the said second minister for the said year 1691, bot also for severall other pious uses, therfor they unanimouslie aprove of the paying of the said second years steipand and applying the same in maner and to the intent foirsaid. And the said councill being informed that Mr. James Hunter, late second minister of this burgh, hes petitioned the privie council for the tuo yeiris vaccand steipand, quhairin he alleadges that it is the inclination of the said toun council to pay the same to him, they unanimously declared that as the said Mr. James Hunter can pretend noe just claime to it so it is non of their inclination to give it to him, neither can they either pay it to him or dispose upon it otherwayes then towardes the end forsaid without great and visible prejudice to this burgh; and thairfor they comissionat John Dick, late proviest, to goe to Edinburgh and represent the matter to the council and oppose Mr. James Hunteris bill by all just means and meathodis.

11 *May* 1692.

Designed invasion of French and Irish papists.

The magistrats and councill taking to consideration that the comissioners of supplie of the shirreffdomes of Stirling and Clackmanan, being yesterday mett for putting the saidis shyres in a postur of defence against ane designed invasion of French and Irrish papists, did in their procedour theranent incroach upon the priviledge of this burgh by nominating some captains and leivetenentis within this burgh, which did only lye in the power of the magistratis to doe, and in the exercise of quhich priviledge the saids magistrats and councill have bein in immemorial possession of; for remead wherof the saids magistratis and council did unanimously appoynt ane representation of the matter to be made to my lord high chancellor and lords of their Majesties privie council, shewing how the priviledge of this burgh is incroached upon by

the said comissioneris, and that as the toun is most willing to imploy themselves inteerly for their Majesties service and defence of the citie, so they will most readily put themselves in ane postur of defence and nominat their oun officiellis so soon as they shall be authorized by the privie council for that effect.

Designed invasion of French and Irish papists.

15 *October* 1692.

The council haveing considered the act of their Majesties privie council appoynting a voluntar collection to be within the shyres of Pearth, Stirling, and Clackmanan, for building the bridges thairin mentionat, they appoynt a volunttar collection to be collected at the tuo church dooris of this burgh, and for the mor and better collecting thairof they recommend the intimation of the said collection to be the Sabath herafter.

Collection for bridges.

10 *February* 1693.

The council haveing considered Mr. Robert Rule, minister at Kirkaldie, his ansuere to the proveist anent the tounes call to him for supplieing the vacancie of the second minister of this burgh, they nominat and appoynt the dean of gild, and in his absence John Moir, one of the present baillies, with the conveener, to present the said call to the presbyterie upon Tuesday nixt, the 14 instant, and to crave their concurrence in prosecutione of the said call, and to report the next councill day.

Call to Mr. Robert Rule.

3 *April* 1693.

The councill appointes the clerk and James Finlaysone, writer, to inventar the haill wreates belonging to the toune, Over and Nether Hospitallis, and they are to be payed for their paines.

Toun and hospittallis writtis.

30 *September* 1693.

The provost produced to the councill ane act of the synod of Fyffe for transporting of Mr. Robert Rule, minister at Kirkaldie, to Sterling in order to his being second minister there, dated the xxvij instant, togither with a lettre from Mr. George Turnbull, minister at Alloway, to the said provost (quhairin the said act of transportation was inclosed), desyreing that the magistrats and councill would order necessars for transporting of the said Mr. Robert Rule and his familie, desyreing lykewayes a list of persones to be elders in this burgh against the third of October nixt; which act and lettere being considered by

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the said councill, they appoint ane lettere to be sent to Mr. Rule at Kirkaldie, or some other trustie there, to aggrie for a boat for bringing the said Mr. Robert his household plenishing to the shoar of Sterling, and appointes the expences therof to be payed by the toun treasurer. And also grants warrand to the provost to give the following returne to Mr. Turnbull,—first, in respect the electione is bot just now over they cannot satisfie the presbyterie with elders in soe short tyme, and also to demand the favour as to delay the calling for the said list till such tyme as the councill and Mr. Rule should conferre about the mater, sieing the councill are willing to goe alongs with the presbyterie theirin, and the provost to make report of their ansuere the nixt councill day.

11 *November* 1693.

Elders nominate.

The magistrates and councill, in persueance of the moderatour of the united presbyteries of Sterling and Dunblane his lettre to them requyreing them to nominat such persones as they judged convenient for being elders within this burgh and parish, have nominat the persones after namit to be elders for the severall quarters of the burgh, viz., John Dick, provest, Thomas Miller, James Keir, John Moir and John Willisone, baillies, for the fourt quarter; David Moir, dean of gild, John Stivensone, merchand, Mr. James Forrester of Logye, John M'Gowan, late baillie, for the first quarter; James Russall, present conveener, John Harlay, late baillie, John Morisone, merchant, and John Forrester, weaver, for the second quarter; Robert Johnstone, late baillie, John M'Nair, late baillie, James Baird, merchand, and James Chrystisone, litster, for the third quarter.

9 *December* 1693.

Fishing of water of Forth.

The councill commissionats the said John Dick to goe to Edinburgh and consult the tounes right as to the fishing of the water of Forth, and especiallie that pretended right of the Lady Alvas to fish with pock netts, and to report his diligence to the councill.

25 *January* 1694.

Act anent elders.

It was represented to the councill by David Moir, present dean of gild, that the united presbetries of Stirling and Dumblaine were of designe (as he was informed) to nominat and approve of ane list of elders distinct from the list given in in dew tyme by the magistrats and councill, who by the lawes

and constant custome of this realme have the sole and privative facultie and power to elect and present elders to the presbetrie to be only approven by them, thairfor, in preservatione of thair undoubted right and uninterrupted privilledge, the saids magistrats and councill have authorized and hereby authorizes John Dick, present provest, [the dean of gild and convener,] to compeir befor the saids presbetries when and quhair they shall happen to meitt at any tyme befor admitting of the said distinct list of elders, and in name of the said councill, for themselves, and as representing the heall communitie of this burgh, to protest against the saids united presbetries thair procedour for the reasones followeing,—Primo, because the samen is flatly contrair to the privilledge of this burgh, it haveing bein the constant and undoubted right of the magistratis to give in the list of the elders to the presbetries, and they haveing, in persewance of thair said right and according to the undoubted privilledge of the burgh and the constant and uninterrupted practice of thair predicessouris, given in a list of the neighbours condeschended upon by the said councill for exerceing of the office of elders to be examined, (and if found qualified) by the saids presbetries to admitt and receave the saids elders given in by the councill; and in caice any of the said number whome the said councill hes nominat shall refuise to accept of the said office lett the saidis presbetries returne a list of them that doeth refuise to accept to the said councill and they shall nominat others in their places who may except of the saids offices. Secundo, to protest against any of the burgessis of this burgh thair accepting of the said office of eldership by the presbetries nominatione, seing by thair burges oath they are bound to preserve and not to infringye any of the privilledges of the communitie. Tertio, but prejudice of the generalitie of the foirsaid protestationes, to protest against livetennant collonell John Ereskine, governour of Stirling castle, John Ereskine, captaine livetennant thair, and (*blank*) Traill, ensigne thair, that they nor none of them be receaved elders in the comunitie of this burgh, seing they doe not so much as live within the privilledge thairof, and it is a thing yet unheard of that any man can be ane elder of a parioch within quhich he does not recide. And upon the ground above represented and others to make thair protestatione as aforesaid, and to appeall to thair Majesties and the lords of their Majesties most honourable privy councill for remead and redress of the incrochmentis made upon the privilledges of the communitie of the samen burgh, and thairupon

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and upon the premissis to take instrumentis and to protest, that the samen be recorded in the presbetries books and extracts therof given to the councill upon thair charges and expenssis.

6 *February* 1694.

Elders nominate.

The councill being informed by the united presbetries of Stirling and Dumblaine that there is severall persones nominat be the toune councill upon the fourtein day of November last by past to be elders for this burgh have refuised to accept of the said office of eldership, and the said councill being desyred by the saids united presbetries to give in to them ane additionall list of such persones as the said councill shall appoynt, who will accept of the said office for supplieing of the place of those who refuised in the former list, they thairfoir have of new nominat the persones followeing to be elders, viz., David Moir, present dean of gild, John M'Gowane, late baillie, Mr. James Forrester of Loggie, James Russall, present conveiner, John Harlow, late baillie, John Morrisone, merchant, John Forrester, late deacone of the weavers, James Baird, merchant, James Chrystiesone, merchant, Robert Fergusone, present thesaurer, Henry Finlaysone, late deacone of the weaveris, and Edward Luckiesone, present deacone of the cordineris; and recommends to the magistrats to give in the said additionall list to the saids presbetries the first presbetrie day, to be approven of by them.

5 *May* 1694.

Calumnies against the councill.

The councill approves the provests ingoeing to Edinburgh to vindicatt himself and the rest of the councill against the base calumnies given in against them to Sir James Stewart, his Majesties advocatt, by some malicious persones.

10 *May* 1694.

Singing school.

The councill appoynts William M'Gie, precentore, to keep ane publict school for teaching of youth to sing and play, and ordaines the old cellarie quhich was payed to be continowed on him for keeping the said school.

2 *June* 1694.

Defending Mr. Robert Rule's bill.

The magistrates and councill takeing to thair consideratione that Mr. Robert Rule and his elders have, in pursueance of the bill given in by them to the privie councill against the saids magistrats and councill, made intima-

tione therof to them, and that it is necessar and incumbent that the saids magistrats and councill should attend the privie councill and vindicatt themselves from the aspersiones and calumnies lybellit against them, they in ordour thairto unanimouslie appoint John Dick, present provest, [and two others,] to goe to Edinburgh and defend themselves and the comone interest of this burgh against the said lybell, and to doe evrie other thing theranent.

Defending Mr. Robert Rule's bill.

23 *June* 1694.

It was represented to the councill by John Dick, provest, that he was informed some persones had calumniat him by venting that he had threatned the elders of this burgh with perjurie and banishment furth of the toune that day that the said elders were called to the clarks chamber befor they were installed by Mr. Rule, and seing anything that past at that tyme was in face of the toune councill, the said provest desyred for his oune vindicatione that the councill might give thair opinions and sentiments theiranent, which being considered by the magistrats and councill they unanimously declair that the provest vented noe such expressiones, and that the said assertione is altogether calumnious, which they will be readie to declare upon thair oaths quhen called therto.

Calumnies against the provost.

It was lykewayes represented to the magistrats and councill by the said provest Dick that he was informed thair was ane lybell reased by John Burd and otheris against the heall magistratis and councill, by quhich thair was noe less designed then a totall overthrow of the saids magistrats and councill, and thairfor desyred to know if the councill or any of their number would concurr with the said John Burd in the said persuite, or quhither they thought it more just to defend against him and to adhear to and vindicat the saids magistrats and councill, and quhither the expenses of the said plie should be payed by the magistrats and councill themselves or out of the commone good of the said burgh; which being considered by the councill they unanimously declyne and disoune the foirsaid malicious persuite, and declare they will adhear to and concurr for defence and vindicatione of the present magistrats and councill, and appoyntis the haill expences that may be depursed thairanent to be payed by the treasurer; and recommends to the provest to goe in to Edinburgh and attend the calling of the foirsaid lybell, and to imploy advocatts and otheris necessar for defending of the toune.

Lyble against the councill.

10 *September* 1694.

Peace and government of burgh.

The councill being conveined, thair was produced to them ane act of thair Majesties privy councill of the fyft of September instant appoynting John Moir, baillie, the dean of gild, treasurer, and remanent counselloris of the said burgh, to see to and secure the peace of the burgh and administratione of the governement thairof; which act being publictly read in face of councill, the said baillie, dean of gild, treasurer, and remanent counselloris of the said burgh, present, did in obedience thairto accept the administratione of the governement of the said burgh upon them, and declared their readiness and willingness to see to and secure the peace of the samen.

6 *October* 1694.

Act anent the election.

The councill recommends to baillie Burd and the conveiner, who are goeing to Edinburgh to give accompt of the last electione to my lord chancellor, the advocat, and other lords of privy councill, and to signifie to their lordships that as the present magistratis and councill are very sensible of their kyndness and favour so they will be ready upon all occasiones to give testimonie therof and imploy their outmost endeavours for being serviceable to the governement and advanceing the weillfair of the place in their severall stationes.

27 *October* 1694.

Act anent the guard house.

Appoynts baillie Baird, with the conveiner and treasurer, to goe this afternoone to Mrs. Lapslay at the bridge and transact with her for her foir chamber to be ane guard house, and that aither weeklie or for ane year, at the most easie rate they can, and make report to the councill the nixt councill day.

10 *November* 1694.

Councill to be held weekly.

The magistratis and councill, takeing to their consideratione the great prejudice the burgh does sustaine through the too seldome meitting of the councill for ordering of the tounes affaires and comone good, have all in one voice enacted and ordained that the toune councill of the said burgh shall be keiped in all tyme comeing weiklie upon Saturday, at the ordinar meitting tyme of the day, and the haill acts made in the preceeding counsell day shall be first read for their better memorie weiklie at their doune sitting.

12 *November* 1694.

James Baird, baillie, with the treasurer, made report that, conforme to ane act of the tuenty seavint of October last, they had mett with Mrs. Lapsly and transacted with her anent her foir chamber to be ane guaird house, at fourtein lib. Scotts per annum, and was to pay her thairfor proportionallie, according to the tyme that the toune should have use thairfor; which was approven of by the councill. Guard house.

1 *December* 1694.

The magistrats and councill takeing to consideratione how necessar it is, for the advantadge and right governement of the commone school of this burgh and for redressing the irregularitie and disorderis that hes happined thairin, that ane visitatione of the said schooll should be appointed four tymes each year, therefore they unanimouslie statute and appoint that from hencefurth the said schooll shall be visited by the magistratis, dean of gild, conveiner, and such ane number of the councill as they shall think fitt, and that at the beginning each quarter of the year, and lykeas that the minister or ministeris of this burgh for the tyme, shall be advertised from tyme to tyme to concour and goe alongs with the saids magistrats and councill in order to the said visitatione. Lykeas they statute and ordain that in all tyme comeing the tyme of conveineing of the said schooll shall be at seaven aclock in the morning where the schollaris and masteris are to attend till nyne aclock thairafter, and to meitt againe at ten aclock in the foirnoone, and they to meitt againe at two howers in the afternoone and continowe till six aclock at night, from the first of March to the first of October yearlie, and from the first of October to the first of March thairafter they are to continowe onlie to fyve aclock at night; and recommends to the proveist, baillie M'Nair, conveiner, and treasurer, immediatlie to make intimatione heirof to the schoollmaister and doctoris that this act may be punctuallie observed from hence furth. Grammar schooll.

The magistrats and councill, considering how necessarie and advantagious it is and will be for this place that ane qualified school misteris were incouradged to come and recide heir for teaching and educating of burgessis daughteris, they thairfor, and for the encouradgement of any gentlewoman or other qualified schooll misteris that shall come here and keep school for traineing up and educating the young girles in this place, grant and allowe to her ather ane house to duell and keep schooll in gratis, upon the tounes expences, or Act anent ane school mistress.

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else the soume of fyftie merks yearlie to be paid by the treasurer to her in lew thairof.

26 *January* 1695.

Touns agent; accompts due by the forces.

The magistrates and council nominates and appointes Mr. Thomas Rigg of Riggland, wreter in Edinburgh, to be agent for this burgh from henceforth, during their pleasure, and allowes him the ordinar sellarie of ane hundred merks per annum for being agent and furnishing the news lettres and gazets weiklie; and ordaines the accounts due by the forces to the inhabitants as they are now stated and reformed to be sent into him upon Monday or Tuesday night to the effect he may gett the same allowed and approven of by ane comittie of councill, and the saids debts transacted to the best advantadge and payment therof recovered.

Touns advocate.

The magistrates and councill nominats and appointes Mr. John Murray, advocat, brother german to the laird of Livingstone, to be advocat for this burgh dureing their pleasure.

2 *February* 1695.

Money to Lord Lindsays regiment.

The councill allowes baillie Baird and the conveiner, receavers of the merk of the boll, upon necessar occasiones to advance, with the concurence at least of two magistrats, some money to the officers of the lord Lindsays regiment, who are presentlie quartered here, for paying the souldiers and for keeping them from abusing the inhabitants in seiking frie quarters or otherwayes, and to take the officers bonds or tikits thairfor payable on demand.

23 *February* 1695.

Wines and sweetmeats to the provost.

The magistrats and councill taking to consideratione that the proveist hes had and will have occasione to treat severall gentlemen, officers, and persones of qualitie, with wynes, sweetmeats, and other particulars, therefore they unanimouslie appointe and authorize William Couan, present toun treasurer, to furnish what wynes, sweetmeats, or other particulars that the proveist shall have use for upon any such occasiones in time coming.

Allowing advantage of kirk bells to the poor.

The magistrats and councill taking to consideratione that the ringing of the kirk bells at the interment of burgesses and others may be beneficiall to the poor of this place, therefore they appoint and ordaine everie burges who shall at any time coming seek and gett the benefite of the saids bells for any of his familie, or any friend or relatione who shall gett the use of the saids bells for any burges, shall pay theirfore four pounds Scots money, and

each stranger or inhabitant who is not ane burges and shall get the benefite of the saids bells at their interment shall pay theirfore ten merks money forsaid, and the saids soums to be payed into the kirk treasurer for the behoove of the poor; and recomends to the magistrats that they give no warrand for ringing the saidis bells untill once the kirk treasurer declare himself satisfied of the dues therof. Allowing advantage of kirk bells to the poor.

9 *March* 1695.

The magistrats and councill taking to their consideratione that notwithstanding of severall former acts made against the baxters of this burgh upon the accompt of ane most unwarrantable agriement and practise amongst them for baiking successivlie after others, so that two of them have not bread at one time, yet the saids acts have not hitherto taken due effect, which hes bein ocasioned by ane oath most unjustlie imposed by the deacon and members of the said trade upon all persones that have hitherto entered with the samen not to contraveine the said agriement and custome; for preventing wherof it is unanimouslie statute and ordained that everie baxter who shall heirafter happen to enter with the toune shall, at his entrie, make faith that he shall not engadge in any such oath nor consent nor subscribe to the continuance of any such practise or custome, and that no baxter shall be heirafter receaved burges untill he take said oath heirby enjoined and renunce and decline the forsaid agriement and custome. Act anent the baxters.

Appointes the councill book to be filled up by the clerk to this verie day, and that betwixt the date heirof and the fiftein day of Aprile nixt to come, and discharges any minuts in time coming except from one dyet of councill to the nixt dyet theirafter, and that the councill book be presented dulie filled up everie councill day. Councill book.

The magistrats and councill grants and alloues to the toun officers the benefite of all intimationes as to lost or found goods or gear, roaps, or other publict advertisements, and ordaines them to cawse make ane clapp for going through the toun with the saids intimationes, and discharges the beddell or others hitherto in use for giving the saids intimations or advertisements to medle therwith for the future. Toun officers, public intimations.

23 *March* 1695.

The conveiner represented to the councill that baillie Baird and he, as receavers upon the merk of the boll, had gotten of the late King James Anent King James shillings.

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shillings, at the rate of 6 d. the piece, the soum of four score fiftein pound sixtine shilling; which being considered by the councill they appointe the said money to be sealled up and keiped by the said baillie and conveiner in the merk of the boll chist ay and while the council shall order the same to be otherwayes disposed.

1 *June* 1695.

Pock nett fishings; quartering soldiers, &c.

The magistrats and councill taking to consideratione how prejudiciall the fishing by pock and herrie water netts hes bein to the tounes interest in the water of Foorth, and will be for the future if the same be not prevented, and being informed that severall gentlemen having likewayes interest in the said water being sensible of the common prejudice arysing to all concerned by such ane unwarrantable way of fishing, have for preventing theirof resolved to concurre in procuring ane act of this current sessione of parliament past discharging all fishing with pock and herrie water netts; therfore the saids magistrats and councill doe unanimouslie authorize and appoint John Burd, one of the present baillies of the said burgh, to go to Edinburgh and concurre with the severall gentlemen concerned in the said Watter of Forth, and use his outmost endeavours with the members of parliament to procure ane act discharging the said manner of fishing. As also to endeavour to procure ane other act exeming the burgesses and inhabitants of this burgh from quartering of officers of his Majesties armie except upon paying for their quarters, and likewayes from quartering of souldiers wifes and childering in time coming; and if neid be to meet with the commissioners of the royall burroues as representing this burgh; and apoints the said John Burd to make report.

19 *June* 1695.

Slap forgainest the trenches.

Appointes the treasurer to cause build up the slop forgainest the trenshes with stone and lime, to the end their may be noe passage that way heirafter in prejudice of the tacksman of the custome of the Borrowsgate.

29 *October* 1695.

Clipped money and ill babees.

Recommends to the dean of gild and conveiner, with bailie Napeir, betwixt and Saturnday nixt at two o'clock in the afternoon, to dispose upon the clipped English money and evil babies which was gotten in the merk upon the boll, to the best advantage, and make report the nixt councill day.

2 *November* 1695.

Baillie Napeir, with the dean of gild and conveiner, to quhom it was recomended to dispose upon the clipt English money and ill babies gotten amongst the dues of the merk upon the boll, &c., made report that they had sold four score eight pound sterling of clipt English money to John Burd, baillie, at 10 s. 2 d. per shilling, extending to [£894 13s. 4d.] Scotes money, which the said John Burd is to pay this day, and that the saids ill babies are yet indisposed upon. **Report, clipped money and ill babees.**

12 *December* 1695.

The magistrats and councill being informed of the encroachment made by John Callander of Craigforth upon the fishing belonging to the toun, and that he is endeavouring to bring a servitude upon the tounes fisherie most unjustlie, theirfore, and to prevent the same for the future, they appoint the dean of gild and conveiner, with the clerk, to search out the tounes rights of their fishing, and to report their diligence to the councill, to the effect the saids rights may theirafter be sent to the tounes advocat and his advice taken as to what method may be fittest to be taken for preventing such servitudes and preserving the tounes priviledge inteer as to their fishing. **Act anent Craigforth.**

21 *December* 1695.

The magistrats and councill being conveined, recommends to the dean of gild and conveiner, with ane baillie and the clerk, betwixt and this day eight dayes, to search for the tounes charter and other rights of their fishing upon the water of Forth, and to convein the late magistrats with all other persones that may be suspect of having these or any others of the tounes rights before them, and take their oaths as to what writes they have belonging to the toun or where they know any are, and to report to the councill this day eight dayes their diligence theiranent. **Tounes papers.**

Appointes bailie John Burd [who was appointed commissioner to the general assembly] to take alongs with him the tounes new and old chartour, with others of the tounes rights relating to their fishing upon the water of Forth, and to consult the tounes advocat what method is most propper to be taken for preserving the tounes right of fishing upon the said water so much encroached upon by John Callander of Craigforth, and theirafter according to the advocats information to raise and cawse execute summonds against the said John Callander. **Tounes fishing in water of Forth.**

18 *January* 1696.

Act anent the fishing, &c.

The magistrats and councill being conveined, John Burd, bailie, made report that, conform to ane act of councill of the twentie eight of December last, he had gone into Edinburgh and attended the general assemblie as commissioner for this burgh which the councill approved of. As also he made report that he had consulted the tounes advocat anent the encroachment made by Craigforth upon their fishing, bot in regaird Craigforth inclined to desist from farder encroaching, the said John Burd delayed to raise and cawse execute summonds against him conform to his comission; which being considered by the councill they fand the report not satisfactorie in respect Craigforth had not obleidged himself by write to desist as said is, and therefore they ordaine the tounes rights sent in and now returned again by the said John Burd to be sent back again to the tounes advocat to be considered by him more fullie; and ordaines the clerk to write to Mr. Thomas Rig, tounes agent, to raise and cawse execute summonds against Craigforth and the haill other heritores upon both sides of the water of Forth, so far as the toun is concerned, according to the advocats advice, and that ane subscryved inventar and receipt of the saids papers be returned signed by the advocat or agent. As also he made report that he had spoken with Mr. Thomas Rigg anent the toun hospitall and gildries papers keiped up by Harie Dow and produced his advice in wreat theiranent quhich the councill referres to their nixt dyet of meeting.

9 *March* 1696.

Provosts dues of new gild burges.

John Steivensone of Knockhill, late proveist, represented to the councill that albeit it hes bein the custom of this burgh these many yeares bygone to allow, as a complement to their proveist, the whole dues of a new gild burges, both as to the gildrie and tounes pairt, and that the said complement hes bein still exacted by all former proveists since John Schorts time, yet he would not medle with the tounes pairt theirof bot onlie accept of the gildries pairt; which being considered by the councill they give the said John Stivensone their heartie thanks for so favourablie dealing with the toun and quyting soe much of his dues to them quhich otherwayes he might exact, and farder they statute and ordaine that noe proveist heirafter shall have right to exact from the toun their pairt of the said complement, bot that all acts made theiranent shall be obsolet, void, and null in all time coming.

The treasurer represented to the councill that he had some clipped English money, clipped fourtein shilling pieces, and light cobbs, quhich he had receaved in the tounes money before the late proclamation made theiranent; which being considered by the councill they appoint the treasurer to dispose upon the said money to the best advantage and make report to the councill. Clipped money.

14 *March* 1696.

The magistrats and councill, as patrones of the Over Hospitall, considering that it may be advantageous to the said hospitall to give in some money to the Indian and Affrican company, and that they are allowed by the lawes of this kingdome so to doe, theirfore they unanimouslie condescend that fyve hundred pound Sterling may be given in by the present maisters of the said hospitall to the said companie, and authorizes the saids maisters, by themselves or such as they shall depute for that effect, to signe the bookes of the said company *pro tanto*. £500 sterling to the Indian Company.

The magistrats and councill taking to consideration how necessar it may be for this burgh upon many occasions to be sufficiently provyded with ladders, theirfore they unanimouslie appoint the respective incorporationes following to have in readines against the first of Maij nixt the ladders aftermentionat, viz., the gildrie two ladders, the seven incorporat trades each of them one ladder, the maltmen one ladder, the mechanicks one ladder, and the omnigatherum one ladder; quhich ladders are all to be of double trie lenth and keiped by the saids respective incorporations and made forthcoming to the toun upon all necessar occasiones. Act for providing ladders.

23 *March* 1696.

The masters of the Over Hospitall made report, in persueance of ane act of the last dyet relateing to the said hospitall their giving in fyve hundred pound sterling to the Affrican and Indian Company, they had granted deputatione to Patrick Thomsone, toun treasurer in Edinburgh, for signing the bookes of the said company for the said soum, and granted bond for the fourth pairt therof payable against the first of Junij nixt, and produced to the councill ane returne from the said Patrick Thomsone bearing that, conform to the deputation, he had signed the saids bookes, togither with ane receipt under the hands of James Balfour, James Smith and John Swintoun, members of the said company, bearing receipt of the said bond, which the councill as £500 to the Indian Company; Over Hospitall.

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patrones of the said hospitall approved of, and ordaines the said lettre and receipt to be delivered back to the saids masters to be made forthcoming by them for the behoove of the said hospitall on all occasiones necessar.

£100 Stg. to said company; Nether Hospitall.

The magistrats and councill, as patrones of the Nether Hospitall, considering that it may be advantageous for the said hospitall to give in ane hundred pound sterling to the said African and Indian Company, theirfore they appoint the present masters of the said hospitall to grant deputation to the said Patrick Thomsone for signing the bookes of the said company theirfore, as also to send in to him ane bond for payment of the fourth pairt theirof against the first of Junij nixt, after the ordinar forme.

11 *April* 1696.

Vaccant stipend.

The councill approves of the copie of the lettre drawn by the clerk to be sent to his Majesties advocat anent ane years vaccant stipend gifted by the privy councill to Mr. Monro, late minister here, and ordaines the baillies, dean of gild, and conveiner, to sign the same.

2 *May* 1696.

Act anent Mr. Rules kyne.

It being represented to the councill that, notwithstanding of all the fair means and other regular methods used by the magistrats for keeping Mr. Rules kyne out of the church and church yaird, yet Mr. Rule hes not onlie rejected all fair meanes bot also, in contempt of the authoritie in this place, hes most unwarrantablie broken up the lockes and doores of the said church and church yaird, and still keeps his kyne in the said church yaird; which being considered by the councill they recommend to the magistrats to take all farder allowable methods for securing the church yaird and keeping the said kyne furth theirof.

4 *May* 1696.

£200 Stg. to the African Company.

The magistrats and councill being conveined, and taking to consideration that the most pairt of the burghs of this kingdome have putt in considerable soumes of money towards the African and Indian trade, and that it may contribute to the honour as weil as the advantage of this burgh that the toun contribute some money towards the said African and Indian Company, theirfore they unanimouslie conclude and condescend that this burgh putt in two hundred pound sterling to the said companie, and for that effect appointes the toun treasurer to signe the bookes of the said company *pro tanto* and to

give bond for payment of the fourth pairt theirof against the first of Junij nixt.

£200 Stg. to the African Company.

30 *May* 1696.

The magistrats and councill being conveined, bailie Burd made report that he, with the rest of the bailies, dean of gild, and conveiner, with the masters of the Over Hospitall, had visited the lands of Raploch, and finds it necessar that six aikers of that pairt theirof posest be John Blair at Kilden, and eight aikers be east the same posest be James Steivenson and Charles Anderson, being a pairt of that land commonlie called the Mealling, be separat from the rest of the lands of Raploch and seven cott howssis built therupon, being ane howse and two aikers for accomodating of each fisher, and appointes the howssis to be built in such places and after such manner as the dean of gild and conveiner shall think fitt, impowering heirby the masters to sett the said howssis and aikers at sight and by advice of the said dean of gild and conveiner to the best advantage at sight of bailie Morison.

Building cott houses to the fishers.

The councill comissionats bailie Burd and the conveiner to goe to Edinburgh to give in to the lords of his Majesties privy councill the Association signed by the magistrats, councill, and other burgesses and inhabitants, as also to report the tounes diligence anent seasing of the armes within this burgh belonging to the persones unqualified.

Touns association; seasing of arms.

June 1696.

The magistrats and councill being conveined, bailie Burd and the conveiner made report that, conform to ane act and comission of the 30 May last, they went to Edinburgh and gave in the Association subscryvit by the magistrats and councill, and other burgesses and inhabitants of this burgh, to the lords of his Majesties privy councill, quhich was kyndlie accepted of by my lord chancellor and the rest of the members therof, who were pleased to give the toun their heartie service for their affection to the government and assured them of their favour and protection; as also made report that they had addressed my lord chancellor and rest of the privy councill anent the armes saised upon by the magistrats in persueance of ane late act and proclamatione issued out theiranent, and that the privy councill were pleased to take of the charge of horning given theiranent in consideration of the tounes dilligence and had passed ane act in order theirto.

Report anent toun's association, seasing of arms, &c.

Anent the news letters.

Bailie Burd and conveiner made report that they had transacted with John Richardson, servant in the post office, and who hes furnished the toun with newes lettres since Candlemes last, for furnishing the toun with newes lettres in time coming during the councills pleasure, and had transacted with him for fourtie eight pounds Scotes.

24 *June* 1696.

Burgesses; officers in King's guard.

Referres to the magistrats, dean of gild, and conveiner, to give the complement of burgeship to such officers in the Kings regiment of guards as they shall think fitt.

4 *July* 1696.

Salt beef brought to the mercate.

The magistrats considering that Thomas Couan in Touch, who broght salt beef to this mercat to sell, was latelie inacted under ane certain penaltie to forbear bringing any more salt beef to the mercat, and that it is doubted by some of their number whither such a matter is aither laufull or practicable, theirfore they delay determining the matter till the nixt councill day, and in the mean time recommends to the magistrats to take away and deleit the forsaid act prohibitorie.

20 *July* 1696.

Report from the burrows; African and Indian Company.

The magistrats and councill being conveined, John Stivenson of Knockhill made report of his diligence as commissioner for this burgh to the last general convention of burrowes, and amongst other things transacted by the burrowes it was resolved by the plurality of them that thrie thousand pound sterling should be putt in by them to the African and Indian trade, as a fond for frieing of the burrowes of missive dues and other contingent expenssis in time coming.

28 *September* 1696.

Call to Mr. John Forrester.

The magistrats and councill being resolved that ane call be given to Mr. John Forrester, minister of the Gospell, who preached here yesterday, doe recommend to the dean of gild to conveene the gildrie, the deacon conveener to conveen the trades, and the baillies to conveen the maltmen, mechanicks, and omnigatherum, the morrow at the tymes following, viz., the gildrie and trades at eight aclock in the morning, and the maltmen, mechanicks, and omnigatherum, at nyne aclock the said day, in order to the giving of their severall assents to the said call, and report to the councill against ten aclock in the foirnoon the said day.

29 *September* 1696.

The dean of gild, conveiner, and remanent deacones, as also the baillies, made report that, conform to the above writtin act, they had conveened the severall incorporationes in order to the giving of their assents to Mr. John Forresters call, and that the saidis haill incorporationes did unanimouslie consent theirto; which being considered by the council they appoint the said call to be exped and signed, and recomends to baillie Chrystie and baillie Morison, with the dean of gild and conveener, to attend the presbytrie this day in prosecution therof. **Act for expeding call.**

7 *November* 1696.

Appoints the treasurer immediately to give to Mr. John Forrester, who is called to be second minister heir, tuo hundred pounds Scotis money for defraying his charges and expenssis in comeing here, and for transporting his books and other necessaris, and appoints the same to be done at the sight of the provost, dean of gild, and deacon Forrester in place of the conveiner. **£200 to Mr. John Forrester.**

14 *November* 1696.

The magistrats and council considering that their is necessitie for repairing of the kirk of Stirling, and that the sessione are disyreous to be fred of the collectiones of the repairatione money in tyme comeing, therefore they heirby nominat Michaell Dounie, merchant, and James Grahame, hammerman, to be masters of the said repairatione money for ane yeir to come, who are heirby authorized to receave the same weekly from such persones as shall be appointed by the sessione from tyme to tyme to collect the same according to former custome, and to be comptable to the magistrats and council therfore; and because that the repairatione of the said kirk cannot be delayed any longer, and that their is little of the bygone repairatione money to the foir to be applyed for that end, therefore they declare after the sessione shall compt for the bygone repairatione money, they will authorize (in caise of needcessity) the saidis masteris to borrow some money for carieing on and compleiting the repairatione of the said kirk. **Reparation of the kirk.**

24 *December* 1696.

The dean of gild made report that the commissioners of militia for the shyre having mett upon Tuesday last, for proportionating of the militia **Anent the militia.**

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theirof, in obedience to ane act of his Majesties privie councill, have appointed twentie fyve men out of the toune of Sterling, and recommended to the magistrats and toune councill of the said burgh to nominat their officers; in persueance whereof the saids magistrats and councill recommends to the baillies, with all possible diligence, each of them to goe through their oune quarter and take ane exact list of the whole inhabitants, and thereafter to appoint leaderis of fractions, and such fractionis to put out a man as the said number of the saidis inhabitants will allow including only fensible men; and continues the naming of the officers till the nixt councill day.

26 *December* 1696.

Soliciting the generall anent the souldiers, &c.

Recomends to baillie Morisone and the dean of gild, who are commissionat from the gildrie to Edinburgh, to sollicite the generall and use all methods for getting ane part of the souldiers presentlie quartered here removed, in respect the place cannot accomodat them.

30 *January* 1697.

Writing master.

The councill resolves that ane qualified person who can teach wreating and arithmetick be enquired for and setled in the grammar school as formerlie.

16 *February* 1697.

Anent some ill money.

The dean of gild made report that he hade sold the 177 lib. 8 s. 2 d. of ill fourtines and light cobs that were gotten from the late dean of gild and conveener, to John Murray, brother to Livilands, and had gotten 126 lib. 18 s. 2 d. therefor, whereof he had avanced to Harie Dow 120 lib., as the account due by the toune to him, which the councill approved of; and ordains the same to be stated in the accounts of the merk upon the boll.

13 *March* 1697.

£12 paid to a Highland doctor.

The councill approves of the toune treasurer his paying twelve pound Scots to ane Hyeland doctor for helping to pay him for cutting of John Stewart, litster, his son, of the stone, upon which accompt both the kirk sessione and others gave their charitable contributions.

17 *April* 1697.

Perambulation of St. Ninians parish.

The magistrates and councill being conveined, the dean of gild and conveener made report that they had attended the perambulatione of St.

Ninians parioch, and protested in behalfe of the Over and Nether Hospitalls against the designe of the neu erectione of a kirk in the said parioch, which the councill approved of.

Perambulation of St. Ninians parish.

21 *June* 1697.

The councill considering that the earle of Tillibairdine, lord hie secretarie of state for the kingdome of Scotland, is to come through this burgh this week, and that it will be proper not only that he be waited on by the magistrats and get ane complement from them, but also that his servants be made honararie burgesses and gild brethren, therfor they appoint twelve burges tickets to be made readie and signed by the clerk, and the sealls to be given him for sealling of them, and thereafter the sealls to be put up againe in the boall.

Act for making gratis burgesses.

3 *July* 1697.

The proveist, baillies, and councill of the said burgh, taking to consideratione the bade caice of the publict school of this burgh by the negligencie and insufficiencie of the present master and doctors therein, and that there is ane verrie able schoolmaster at Edinburgh who was recommended to the councill by Mr. David Williamsone, minister at West Kirk of Edinburgh, therefor the saids magistrats and councill recommends to Mr. John Forrester, one of their ministers, who is going to Edinburgh, to treat with the said schoolmaster and report to the councill at his returne.

Anent a schoolmaster.

John Burd, late baillie, being laufullie warned to compear befor the councill this day upon account of some velipending expressions against them by calling them ane pack of vermine, with severall other base calumnies not worthie to be rehearsed, the councill, in regaird the said John Burd was not personally warned, ordains him to be warned personallie against the nixt councill day, under the paine of the loss of his freedome.

Anent ane abuse be John Burd.

21 *August* 1697.

Conforme to ane former act John Burd, being warned, and compearing before the councill and being interrogat upon the vilipending expressions contained in the said act, declared he could not be positive upon the saids expressions, but with all referred himself in the councills will; thereafter the magistrats and councill ordained the witnesses cited to this day to be received, who being sworne and examined, without the least objectione deponed as is marked upon a paper apart. Continoues advising till the nixt councill day.

Act anent ane abuse be John Burd.

7 *September* 1697.

Abuse be John Burd.

Recommends to the proveist and baillies to give furth their sentence conforme to the complaint and probatione against John Burd, and cause warn him to be present to hear his sentence upon Wedensday come eight dayes.

30 *October* 1697.

Act discharging the tounes advocat.

The council takeing to consideration that the keeping of ane constant advocat for this burgh hes contribute nothing to the advantage therof, the toune being alwayes oblidged to employe and pay other advocats when they had occasione therfor, they discharge Mr. John Murray, their present advocat, and appoints intimatione to be made to him heirof.

6 *January* 1698.

Taking a list of the poor.

Anent severall bills for supplie given to the council by sundrie indigent persones within this burgh, the saidis magistratis and council, to the end thes poor peoples conditione and circumstances may be better knowne and suitable supplie given them, recomend to the four baillies, with the dean of gild and conveener, to goe through the four quarters of this burgh and take ane list of the poor theirin, and of their respective conditiones, and what supplie they shall think fitt to give them, conforme to ane list to be subscryved by them; appointes the clerk to make ane act theirupon for ane warrand to the treasurer and masteris of the Over and Nether Hospitallis for paying theirof accordinglie.

29 *January* 1698.

Anent unfree traders.

The magistrats and council taking to consideratione that by ane act of the late general convention of burrowes holden at Edinburgh the eightine day of November last, and alsoe by tuo subtacks granted by Mr. John Buchan, agent to the royeal burrowes, dated the elleavint day of January instant, the fynes and compositiones due and payeable by the wholl unfrie traderis within the shyres of Sterling and Clackmannan are fallen in the toune of Sterlings hands, soe that it is necessare that all diligence wer adhibit for ingathering of the saids fynes and compositiones, therfor the saids magistrats and council authorizes and appointes the dean of gild and clerk to prosecute the said affaire with all expeditione, and in caice of transactione to doe the same at the sight and by the advyce of the provost, baillies, conveener, and otheris of the council, as they may be most convenientlie had from time to time.

26 *February* 1698.

The magistrats and council considering the faultienes of the tolbooth, and especiallie of the steeple theirof, albeit the same may requyre doune casting and repairing, yet the doeing theirof is of great and weightie import and will be of considerable expences, therfor befor farder procedure therin the saids magistratis and council recomends to the dean of gild to conveen the gildrie, the conveener to conveen the seven incorporat trades, the baillies the maltmen, mechanicks, and omnigatherum, at any tyme betuixt and this day eight dayes, and give their severall advyces and opiniones therein and anent the most expedient fond for doeing theirof, and report the nixt council day, and in the mean time ordaines the work to be stopped. **Tolbooth and steeple.**

The saids provost, baillies, and council, being conveened as said is, have conduced and agreed with Mr. Thomas Darling, Latine doctor to the grammar schooll of Edinburgh, to serve the cure of the grammar schooll of this burgh as principall master theirof for the space of nyne yeares next and imediatlie following his entrie theirto, whilk is heirby declared to have bein and begunne at the feast of Candlemes last by past; which charge the said Mr. Thomas Darling accepts in and upon him, and binds and obleidges him to teach and instruct the wholl youths of this burgh, and otheris who shall happen to frequent the said schooll and be presented theirto, in all the partes of grammar and authores usuall to be taught in other grammar schoollis within this kingdome, and shall give and imploye himselfe whollie to the teaching of the said schooll, and shall not withdraw himselfe theirfrom during the space of nyne yeares without licence of the magistrats and council had and obtained theirto. Lykeas the said Mr. Thomas Darling becomes hereby obleidged and astricted not to leave the cure of the said grammar schooll for the space of tuo yeares after expyring of the saidis nyne yearis, except he give laufull advertisement theirof to the provost, baillies, and council of the said burgh for the time halfe ane year befor. [Stipend 400 merks yearly] . . . Lykeas they obleidge them to possess him in the schoolhouse of the said burgh betuixt and the terme of Whitsonday next; and it shall be laufull for the said Mr. Thomas Darling to take for ilk tounes bairne in schoollage six shilling eight pennies quarterlie, and from gentlemen and outentounes bairnes according to the discretione of the givers and as he and they shall aggrie; and it is hereby speciallie provyded that all male childering above six yeares of age within the **Aggreement betwixt the toun and schooll master.**

Aggreement betwixt the toun and schooll master.

said burgh shall come to the said schooll; and it shall not be laufull for any above that age to be taught in any other schooll within the samen burgh, neither shall any have libertie to keep schooll for that effect.

7 *April* 1698.

Report anent the steeple.

The magistrats and council being conveened, the dean of gild made report that he had conveened the gildrie, the baillies that they had conveened the maltmen, mechanicks, and omnigatherum, anent their giving their assents as to the casting doune and rebuilding of the tolbooth steeple and tenement upon the east syde theirof, as alsoe their opiniones as to the fond for accomplishing the said work. They unanimouslie consented to the casting doune and rebuilding of the said steeple and tenement, and to the continwance of the merk upon the boll of malt and multure as formerlie, the same to be applyed for outredding the said work till it be perfyted, and theirafter applyed as formerlie; and continwes the conveener and trades report till the next council day.

18 *June* 1698.

Discharging unentered barbers to practise.

Anent the petitione given in to the saids magistrats and council by Robert Stewart, merchand, Robert Napeir, glover, and others, barbers and burgesses of the said burgh, mentioning that severall strangers and other persones not burgesses of the samen burgh doe come to and take up ther residence within the said burgh and practise the arte of barbarizing and piriewigmaking to the great prejudice of the petitioners who are burgesses and bear portable burding with their neighbors, and therfor craveing that the saids magistrats and council might by their authoritie discharge the saids unfrie barbers and piriewigmakers from the said arte and practice, and to ordaine them to enact themselves for that effect; which being considered by the saidis magistrats and council they unanimouslie grant the desyre of the said petitione, and have statute and hereby statutes and ordaines that noe persone nor persones whatsomever living or residing within the said burgh, who are not entered burgesses, presume or take upon hand in any tyme comeing to practice or make use of the said art of barbarizing or piriewigmaking, under the penaltie of tuentie pounds Scots, *toties quoties;* and whoever shall be found contraveening decernes them in payment of the saids penaltie and to enact themselves in maner forsaid.

28 *September* 1698.

Wee, the magistrats and council of the burgh of Sterling undersubscryving, considering that ther hes bein a horrid and detestable conspiracie formed and caryed on by papists and other wicked and traiterous persones for assassinating his Majesties sacred persone, in order to usher in and facilitat a formidable and cruel invasione from France, to the ruine and extirpatione of our religione, lawes, and libertie, doe theirfor heartilie, sincerlie, and solemnlie profess, testifie, and declare that his present Majestie, King William, is rightfull and lawfull king of this realme; and wee doe mutuallie promise and solemnelie engadge and obleidge ourselves to stand by and assist one another to the outmost of our power in the support and defence of his Majesties most sacred persone and governement, and of the true protestant religione, against the late King James, and the pretended Prince of Scotland (comonlie called the pretended Prince of Wales), and all their adherents, and against all forraigne invasiones or intestine insurrectiones that shall be attempted or made to disturbe his Majesties right and possessione; and in caice his Majestie come to any violent or untymlie death, (which God of his infinite mercie avert), wee doe hereby furder frielie and unanimouslie obleidge ourselves to unite, associat, and stand by each other, in revenging the same upon all his Majesties enemies and their adherentis, and in supporting and defending the successione of the croune according to the declaratione of the estates of this kingdome. [Here follow signatures.]

Declaration of loyalty to King William.

19 *November* 1698.

Recomends to baillie Don to repaire the tuo glas windowes upon the south syde of the kirk opposite to Argyle and Cambuskenneths lofts, as also the windowes of Bowies isle to be built up a litle hyer with stone and lime, and the entrie to the inner kirk neir to the Kings loft to be built lyke the other entrie upon the north syde of the said kirk.

Mending kirk windows, &c.

11 *March* 1699.

Appointes the treasurer to provyde thrie Latine bookes to be disposed upon by the provost at the ensueing visitatione of the grammar schooll, *tanquam præmia*, to such of the schollars as after examinatione and dispute shall be thought best deserving of the same, and that for the better encouradgeing of the haill schollaris to assiduitie and paines in the studie of learning: the saidis thrie bookes not exceeding six pounds Scotis value.

Three Latine books to grammar schooll schollaris.

20 *May* 1699.

Act anent news letters.

The magistrats and council considering that they may be served with the weeklie newes by the Edinburgh Gazett, which containes both forraigne and domestick occurrences, at ane far more easie rate then by the transactione formerlie made with John Murray, generall postmaster, therefor they pas from and overgive the said transactione for the future, and appoints the clerk to acquaint the said John Murray therwith, that he forbear from hencefurth to send any Gazetts or Flieing Post newes here.

Act anent beggars and touns poor.

Lykewayes, considering the insuportable number of extraneous and vagrant beggers, who daylie frequent this burgh to the prejudice and overburdening the inhabitants and diminutione of the supplie that otherwayes might be given to the poor belonging theirto, for remeid wherof the saids magistrats and council (in persueance of the acts of parliament and proclamationes of privie council made anent the poor) recomends to the baillies to meet with the elders of this burgh upon Monday next in the clerks chamber, at ten aclock in the foirnoon, and take ane exact account of the poor belonging to the samen burgh and order badges for them, soe as they may be knoune and distinguished from extraneous beggers; and therafter appoints the saids baillies to nominat tuo constables out of each quarter of this burgh, who are to be changed weeklie, and who are to lay out themselves for frieing of this burgh and keeping furth therof all extraneous and vagrant poor; and thir presents to be intimat by the precentor from the letron the morrow foirnoon imediatlie after divine service.

Act anent the kirk.

The magistrats and council considering that the fabrick of the kirk is now in a sufficient conditione, therfor they remitte the reparatione money from this day furth to the manadgement of the ministeris and elders of this burgh, who are to order the collecting therof for the maintaining and upholding the said kirk for the future.

24 *June* 1699.

Supplie to William Swinton.

Approves of Patrick Dounie, one of the present masteris of the Over Hospitall, his giving to William Swintone, merchand, 3 lib. Scotis, conforme to bailly Dons order dated the twelve instant, and also appoints the present masters of the said hospitall to advance and give to him fiftie merkis farder for buying of cloaths and other necessars to him, his wife, and children, and that allenerlie quhen the said William Suintone shall sufficientlie instruct

and make appear that he and his said wife and children are to be transported to America the imediat nixt voyadge theirto in the ship called the Rising Sun, or any other ship to saile with her the said expeditione, quherby the said hospitall may be disburdened of them.

Supplie to William Swinton.

1 *July* 1699.

Appoints the masters of the Over Hospitall to give to James Keir, merchand, who is going to the Scots African Companie now settled at Darien, thrie score pounds Scots.

James Keir, going to Darien.

19 *July* 1699.

Appointes the treasurer to helpe the bridge and build up the fallen doune and louse stones about the pillers, and doe what els may be necessar for preservation theirof.

Mending the bridge.

7 *October* 1699.

The magistrats and council haveing considered the report made to them by ane comittie of the council who wer appointed to meet in ordor to the regulatione of burgesses entries for the future, they for encouradging of merchands and other substantial men in the countrie to repair and reseed in this place, regulat the saids entries as followes :—In the first place, they quyte and discharge the thrie pound Scots payeable by each intrant in lue of their gunn in tyme coming. 2do It is statute and ordained that any who heirafter shall enter burges and gild brother shall onlie pay to the treasurer for the tounes part of the entrie thirtie pounds Scots. 3tio. If any merchand, tradsman, or mechanick shall heirafter desyre the priviledge of maltmaking, shall onlie pay to the treasurer ten pounds money forsaid theirfor. 4to. Any countrieman or stranger shall desyre the priviledge of single burgesship, shall pay to the treasurer for his entrie tuentie four pounds Scots, bot if at his entrie he shall desyre the priviledge of maltmaking, he shall pay tuelve pound for his entrie and tuentie pound for the libertie of maltmaking. 5to. Whoever shall enter neighbour and burges with designe to incorporat with any of the seven trades shall onlie pay to the toune for his entrie tuelve pounds Scots. 6to. That burges sones, and such as shall marie burges or gild brothers daughters, shall pay for their entrie as formerlie, except onlie the 3 lib. for ane gunn. 7o. If any kynd of entrie occurre which is omitted furth heirof,

Act regulating burges entries.

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the council declares that it is their meaning that such entries shall onlie be the halfe of what was formerlie payeable. And recomends to the vice dean of gild and conveiner to convein the gildrie and trades, and the baillies to convein the maltmen and mechanicks, betuixt and this day eight dayes, that it may be knoune what eases they will give as to their entries, and make report to the council; and they declare they will not approve of this act untill that tyme.

The forsaid act was approven, being dated the nyntine day of August last, but not insert untill now that the gildries and trades eases wer reported to the council.

9 *November* 1699.

Prisoner escaped.

The council recomends to the provost in caice he have occasione to meet with Thomas Graham of Deuchray, younger, to treat with him anent the escape of ane prisoner which he sent to this tolbooth, and transact the mater with him at as easie a rate as he can.

18 *November* 1699.

Discharging incorporations to enter persons not entered with burgh.

The saids magistrats and council enacts, statuts, and ordaines that neither the seaven incorporat trades within this burgh, nor other societies theirin, such as maltmen, mechanicks, and omnigatherum, nor non of them, presume heirafter to enter any persone or persones quhatsoevir into their respective incorporationes or societies untill thes persones soe to be entered be first entered burgesses and neighboures by the magistrats and toune council, under the penaltie of ane hundered pounds Scots money, *toties quoties*, and otherwayes being punished as the saids magistrats and council shall think fitt.

25 *November* 1699.

Transaction with John Don anent glass work.

The magistrats and council have transacted and aggried with John Don, glasier, and late baillie, anent all glass work to be done be him to the toune and hospitals yearlie, as follows, viz., they allow him thirtie six pound Scots money yearlie for the kirk and manse, and tuentie merks yearlie for the tolbooth and schooll, and ten pounds Scots for the Over Hospital, and this transactione to commence from Lambmas last.

2 *December* 1699.

Badges to the touns poor.

Appoints baillie Don to make tuo hundered lead badges for the poor of

this burgh, bearing ane raised S for Sterling, and the year of God, to the effect the same may be distribut amongst the saids poor by the elders, to whom the council recomends the same.

Badges to the touns poor.

15 *January* 1700.

It being overtured in council that, for the better supressing of sin and profanitie in this burgh, the baillies should keep and hold ane separat court weeklie as justices of peace for punishing of such enormities, and that they should have constables appointed under them, referrs the consideration theirof to the next council day.

Anent suppressing of vice.

2 *March* 1700.

The council considering how necessare it is for the good and wellfare of this burgh that some impositione in lue of the merk upon the boll were setled by consent of the communitie, therfor, and for the better doeing therof, nominats bailly Hary Christisone, with the conveener and bailly Watsone, to goe to Edinburgh and consult the way and maner of settling the said impositione with the Kings advocat, and report.

Anent a new imposition.

30 *May* 1700.

The baillies and council being conveened upon tuo missives, one from provost Napeir and another from Andrew Ross, relating to the visitatione of the burgh of Stirling appointed by the last conventione of burroues, quhich as is signifyed by Mr. Halybertons letter is to be upon the tenth of June next, the saids magistrats and council ordaines the clerk to frame ane exact accompt of the present state and condition of this burgh to be represented to the visitors, and ordaines the saids letters imediatlie to be sent to provost Stivensone, that his opinione and advyce may be had whither it be convenient that some of their number be sent to Perth, Glasgow, and Linlithgow, in ordor to the trysting of their commissioners to this place against the forsaid day, or that letters only be sent for that end.

Act for framing a state of the burgh.

31 *May* 1700.

The magistrats and council taking to consideratione that the estate of royal burroues at their last meitting did appoint the burghs of Edinburgh, Perth, Glasgow, and Linlithgow to visite the state and conditione of this burgh, and that the dean of gild of Edinburgh, who is to represent that burgh in the

Act anent the state of the burgh.

24 *January* 1702.

Taking doun the steeple.

Provost Steivensone made report that he and the rest commissionat by ane act of the 27 December last had visited the tolbooth steeple and found the same to be in a dangerous conditione, so that they judged it necessar to taike doun the haill pends, after doeing wherof it wold appear whither the walls theirof be of a good band or not that farder measures be taiken accordinglie; and recomends to the said provost Steivenson, with Duncan Watson, late baillie, to sie the same done and ordour quhatever may be necessar with respect theirto, and theirafter report to the council.

31 *January* 1702.

Rent of Neather Hospitall house.

The masters of the Nether Hospital made report that they had comuned and aggried with Marie Johnston for one yeares possessione of the Frier house and yaird at the old rate, being 80 lib. Scots, commencing from Whitsunday next, which the council approved of.

Civilisers nominate.

Their being ane list of the persones afternamit formerlie given in to the council by the baillies out of their respective quarters, who are to officiat as civilisers for the farder and better suppressing of prophanitie and immoralities, in persueance of the lawes of this kingdome and statuts of this burgh relative theirto, viz. [two persons for each quarter] compeired the haill foirnamit persones and accepted the said office upon them for the space of thrie moneths to come and theirafter untill others be chosen in their places and receave their instructiones from the council.

9 *February* 1702.

Act anent the steeple.

Provost Stivensone made report that, conforme to the former recomendatione to him and baillie Watsone, they had caused taike doun the haill pends of the tolbooth steeple, after doeing quherof the insufficiencie of the walls, especiallie the south wall, did visiblie appear, and therfor referred back to the council what farder course should be taken theirwith; quhich being considered by the council, they in the meantyme ordain the great bell to be taken doun, and in ordor theirto apoint the treasurer to send a man and horse to Borrowstounes for ane tebell, for quhich provost Stivensone hes promeised to wreat a line to his correspondent there.

14 *February* 1702.

Appointes James Dick, knock keiper, to ring the councill bell from hencefurth at nyne and tuelve aclock each day in the foirnoon, and at ten aclock at night, and that ay and until the toune knock be put up againe. **Anent ringing of the bells.**

21 *March* 1702.

Appointes the foirsyde of the magistrats loft, togither with the Kings loft and pulpite, to be covered with black sarge betuixt and the morrow, and that for mourning upon account of the death of our late sovereign lord King William. **Covering magistrates loft with black cloath.**

The magistrats and council considering the necessitie of takeing doune the tolbooth steeple and rebuilding the same with the rest of the ground on the east syde theirof, theirfoir they appoint Harie Livingston, meason, to goe to Kinross to Sir William Bruce and take ane exact account of the breadth and lenth of the ground alongs with him, and, after consideratione theirof to be taken by the said Sir William, to get ane draught or sceme of the work from him and deliver the same to the magistrats and council, that they may be farder advysed theiranent; and farder, appointes the dean of gild and conveiner, with baillie Gillespie and David Napier, to visite Mrs. McNairs wester gable and trye the sufficiencie or insufficiencie theirof, and give account of the same befor Harie Livingstone take his journey. **Anent the steeple and Mrs. McNairs gavell.**

9 *May* 1702.

The magistrats and council being informed that severall of her Majesties honest subjects frequenting this mercat have at severals tymes hitherto been troubled and mollested by souldiers, who have offered to press them to militarie service contrare to ane late act of parliament, to the great prejudice of this burgh and discourageing the leidges from comeing to the mercats theirof; for preventing wherof for the future, the saids magistrats doe hereby (in persueance of the said act of parliament) declare that they will protect and defend all her Majesties frie leidges and subjects, that now or heirafter shall frequent the weeklie or more publict mercats of this burgh, or who upon any other dayes shall have occasione to come theirto, from being any way pressed, troubled, or mollested upon the forsaid account; and appoints this act to be published by tuck of drum. **Protecting the leidges against being pressed for souldiers.**

16 *May* 1702.

Alleadgeance. The provost, baillies, and council of the said burgh did, conforme to the 6th act of the 4th sessione of this current parliament, dated 23d May 1693, and act of her Majesties privie council relative theirto, dated the 24th March last bypast, take and swear the oath of alledgeance and signe the same with the assurance in maner following:—Wee, the magistrats and council of the burgh of Sterling subscribing heirto, doe sincerelie promeise and swear that wee will be faithfull and bear true alleadgeance to her Majestie Queen Ann. Soe helpe us God. [Here follow subscriptions.]

Assurance. Wee alsoe doe, in the sinceritie of our hearts, asserte, acknowledge, and declare, that her Majestie Queen Ann is the onlie laufull undoubted Soveraigne of this realme, as well *de jure*, that is of right Queen, as *de facto*, that is in the possessione of the gevernement; and theirfor wee doe sincerelie and faithfullie promeise and engadge that wee will, with hearts and hands, life and goods, mantaine and defend her Majesties title and governement against the late King James, his adherents, and all other enemies, who aither by open or secreit attempts shall disturb or disquiet her Majestie in the possessione and exercise theirof. [Here follow subscriptions.]

22 *August* 1702.

Act anent the steeple. Recomends to provost Napier, provost Stivensone, baillie Don, baillie Watsone, with the dean of gild and conveiner, to trye at what rate the tolbooth steeple and old howse on the east syde theirof may be taiken doune and rebuilt conforme to the sceme draune by Sir William Bruce and sent here, and to endeavour aggriement with some persone or persones theiranent, and report to the council befor concluding the bargane.

7 *November* 1702.

Ringing the bells. Appointes Alexander Drapper to ring the old litle kirk bell at nyne and tuelve houres each foirnoon from hencefurth, and at ten aclock at night, and that besydes ringing of the great bell at the ordinar tymes in the morning and evening as formerlie.

21 *November* 1702.

Act anent the steeple. The magistrats and council doe unanimouslie recomend to and commissionat John Stivensone of Knockhill, present provost, Mr. Francis Napier,

late provost, and Duncan Watsone, late baillie, with the dean of gild and conveiner, to ordor the doun casting and rebuilding of the tolbooth steeple and old tenement upon the east syde theirof, and for that effect to aggrie with measones and other workmen theiranent upon a pennie or otherwayes as they shall judge best for the interest of the burgh; and the present treasurer and his successores in office are hereby ordored to advance such soumes of money from tyme to tyme for caryeing on the forsaid work as the saids persones commissionat, or pluralitie of them, shall call for, they alwayes making report theirof to the council; and in caice of the absence of the present provost, James Chrystie, present baillie, is hereby commissionat to supplie his said absence with respect to the said work.

Act anent the steeple.

11 *February* 1703.

Commissionats baillie James Chrystie, with the dean of gild and conveiner, to attend the general assemblie in ordor to the prosecutione of the apeall made by the said burgh from the presbyterie of Sterling to them anent the call given to Mr. Alexander Hamiltone, minister at Airth, and use all meanes and moyean possible for discussing of the said apeall and procureing the transportatione of the said Mr. Alexander Hamiltone to the ministerie here; and, in caice it shall be thought necessar, recomends to the provost and appoints Mr. Thomas Darling, schoolmaster, both of them to be present and assist at the said assemblie for the end forsaid.

Mr. Alexander Hamiltons call.

20 *May* 1703.

Appointes the treasurer to buye four mourning strings to the toune officers against Saturnday next, which they are to wear above their belts that day upon account of the funerals of the deceast John Stivensone, provost, who is to be interred that day, and appointes the saids strings to be delivered back to the treasurer after the dayes of mourning are over, and him to be accountable theirfor.

Mourning strings to the toun officers.

29 *May* 1703.

Recomends to the dean of gild and conveiner, with the masters of Spittalls Hospital, to aggrie with measones at the easiest rate they can for repairing the back wall of the almous house within the Frier yaird.

Repairing the the alms house.

5 *June* 1703.

The council appoints a letter to be writtin to Collonell Erskine, com-

Act for procuring two fairs.

Act for procuring two fairs.

missioner for this burgh to the present parliament, in ordor to his procureing tuo new yearlie faires to this burgh, and recomends to baillie Chrystie, baillie Gillespie, and the conveiner, to condescend upon the most propper tymes for holding the saids faires, soe as that the same may not interfier with or be prejudged by other mercats.

3 *July* 1703.

Anent the tolbooth.

Appointes the treasurer to cause the toune and hospitals tenents carye the stones at Newport to the tolbooth, soe far as can be caryed upon slades, and such as cannot be caryed, to transact with ane cairter for doeing theirof at the easiest rate, not exceeding 3 s. per cart.

Act anent the same.

Appointes the treasurer to send ane express to Deuchray or Robert Graham upon Monday next anent 8000 scailyie to the tolbooth, that the same may be in readines for cariadge as soon as possible, and intimation to be made upon Fryday next for the countrie peoples engadgeing to carie the same.

Anent a new clock.

Recomends to baillie Chrystie, baillie Allan, and the conveener, to meet with provost Napier, provost Dick, and baillie Watsone, and take their advyces anent ane new clock to the tolbooth steeple.

31 *August* 1703.

Anent Mr. Peacocks being committed to prison.

The toune council being conveened, John Allan, baillie, represented to them that Mr. Adam Peacock haveing preached this day in the meetting house in the Back Raw, he with the treasurer, clerk, and officers, had gone to the said meetting house the tyme of sermon, and, understanding that Mr. Peacock was not qualified by law, had in her Majesties name charged him to desist from preaching and the auditores to dissmiss upon their perrill, notwithstanding quhairof they contumaciouslie persisted; in respect quhairof, after dissolving of the meetting, the baillie conveened the said Mr. Peacock befor him, and finding he had nothing to instruct aither his being a minister of the gospell, nor yet that he had qualified himselfe according to law, did committe him to prison, and theirfor craved the councils advyce and assistance theiranent: who unanimouslie approved of the said baillie his procedure, and appoints whatever expence may happen theiranent to be debursed and payed by the treasurer upon the publict account of the burgh; and in the meane tyme appoints the said treasurer to goe to Edinburgh and acquaint the rest

of the magistrats and council who are there for the tyme theirwith, and get their advyce anent what is propper farder to be done in the mater.

Anent Mr. Peacocks being committed to prison.

7 *September* 1703.

Ratification in favoures of the hammermen with additiones theirto.

The magistrats and councill of the said burgh being conveened in their ordinar meeting place for treating of the affairs and concerns thereof, there was a suplicatione given in to them by John M'Arthur, present deacone of the hammermen of the said burgh, for himself and in name and behalf of the remanent members of the said incorporatione, mentioning that quhair the said incorporatione hes been and is greatlie discouradged by the unnighburlie and unjust dealings of severalls of the neighbours and inhabitants of this burgh, who having had considerable iron work wrought to them by sundrie members of the said trade, and which of a long time and yet is resting, for eviting the payment theirof doe upon all occasions goe now to the cuntrie with there work, albeit they might have the same done here much better and at reats both easie and reasonable; and seeing the petitioners are a free trade of a very ancient erection in this burgh, endowed with as much privilidge as any other trads or incorporatione here or els where, and being a considerable part of the community of this burgh have alwayes borne and doe bear their share and part of quartering and other publick burdens with the rest of the incorporat trades; and seeing also the other trades, both wevers and taylors, have been justly favoured by the former magistrats and councill of this burgh by granting acts of councill in their favors for suppressing of that unreasonable practise of imploying unfreemen, while as the neighbours may as well be served among themselves; yea even the mechanicks, who cannot plead the benefit of a free trade, have the same or lyke privilidge conferred by acts of councill upon them; and finally, seeing the suplicants are willing to give ready and good service to the wholl nighbourhood, and at most reasonable and easy rates, which they are content to refer to the magistrats and councill their modificatione incaice any complaint shall occurr theiranent; and therefor craveing that the saids magistrats and councill would take the premissis to consideratione, and by their act to discharge the neighbours and inhabitants of this burgh from working any of their iron worke with contray or unfree smiths in any time cumming, under such a penaltie as they thought fitt, especially seeing the supplicants are willing to give them

Ratification in favoures of the hammermen with additiones theirto.

good and ready service upon all occasions and at reasonable rates. Which being considered by the saids magistrats and councill, they unanimouslie fand the desyre of the said petitione reasonable, and therefor prohibited and hereby prohibites and discharges any of the nighbours or inhabitants within this burgh to imploy any cuntrey or unfree smiths for working any iron work quhatsomever to them or any of them in any time cumming, and that under the peneltie of five pounds Scots money ilk persone contraveening, *toties quoties*, the said incorporatione of hammermen alwayes geiving ready service to the saids neighbours and inhabitants as they shall happen to be imployed from time to time, and making their work sufficient at reasonable and easy rates, at the sight of any of the magistrats of this burgh for the time; and appoints these presents to be publicklie intimat at the mercat cross of this burgh, that non may pretend ignorance thereof.

Act in favours of the Incorporation of weavers.

The incorporation of weavers of the burgh of Stirling are possessed of two extracts of the following act, under the hands of James Finlayson, then town clerk, although the same is not insert in this record, and at desire of the said incorporation the following copy is insert at Stirling, 9th July, 1776:—

Stirling, the seaven day of September one thousand seaven hundred and three years. The magistrates and councill of the said burgh being conveened in their ordinary meeting place, there was ane petition given in to them by John Finlayson, present deacon of the weavers within the samen burgh, for himself and in name and behalf of the whole remnant members of the said trade, mentioning that where, in anno j^{m} vj^{c} and eighty seven,[1] the magistrates and councill of the said burgh for the time did by there act strictly prohibite and discharge all unfree or country weavers whatsomever from buying of any wooline or linnine yairne, thereafter to be brought to this burgh for sale, except upon the publick mercate place and after elleaven o'clock each mercate day, under the pain of confiscation thereof and otherwayes punishing both buyers and seller as the saids magistrates should think fit; which act has not only contribute to the good and encouradgement of the petitioners trade but also to the whole other burgesses and inhabitants of this burgh who are noways restricted thereby, and likeways has been the occasion of the incress and grouth of soe considerable ane yarne mercate as is now weekly within this

[1] MS. Council Record, 29 January 1687, pp. 228-9.

burgh: but in regaird there is an cunning and frawdulent practice lately crept into the said mercate by some unconscionable people there exposing to sale therein certane quantitys of yarn not only short of the ordinary ell lenth, which as to wooline yairne conform to express act of parliament ought to be thirtie seavin inches, but also there is a new and deceitfull method contrived in making up the hesps of yarn double in one part and single in another (one of which hesps so made up the petitioner did produce to the said magistrates and council), and which fraud is hardly perceptible by the most cautious buyers; and farder, ane great part of the said yairne daylie brought to the said mercate comes short of the just tale thereof, wanting a great many threads of six score to the cutt, by which both the petitioners and the whole neighbourhood are cheated and abused; and therefor humblie creaving that the saids present magistrats and councill would take the premisses to consideration, and by their act not only to ratify and approve of the former act of councill, bot also to prohibite and discharge the bringing and exposing to sale in this mercate for the future all woolin or linnen yarn any way short of the true lenth it ought to be or wanting anything of the true tale of the cutt, and that under such ane penalty as the councill shall think fitt, and that besydes cutting of the yarne at the cross conform to the practice and custom of other burghs, as at more length is contained in the said petition. Which being considered by the saids magistrates and councill, they unanimouslie not onlie ratifie and approve of the act of councill above mentioned in the whole points thereof and appoint the same to take effect and be put to all due executione in time comeing, bot also have prohibited and hereby strictlie prohibite and discharge the bringing or exposing to sale in this mercate in any time to come all wooline or linnen yarn any way short of the true lenth it ought to be, or wanting anything of the true tale of the cutt, and that under the penalty of fyve pounds Scots money ilk person contraveining, *toties quoties*, besides confiscation of the yarn or cutting thereof at the cross; and any of the weavers or other neighbours who shall happen either to buy or see any of the said prohibited yairn are hereby discharged to compone or transact with the owners theirof any manner of way, or otherways conceal the said fraud, under the like penalty of five pounds Scots money ilk person, *toties quoties*, as said is; and ordain these presents to be published at the mercate cross that non may pretend ignorance.

Act in favours of the Incorporation of weavers.

10 *November* 1703.

Anent the toune clock.

The provost and others commissionat by ane former act of council to agrie with Duncan Ker, hammerman, burges of this burgh, for makeing ane new clock to the tolbooth steeple, made report that they had agried with him for making the said clock, which is to be ane pendulum, with four dyell pleats, and to goe sixtie houres without drawing, and that he was to furnish all necessars therto except the hammer of the old clock; as also that he is to erect in the said steeple ane new moon glob sufficientlie guilded; for quhich the toune is to pay him eight hundered merks.

25 *December* 1703.

Anent the ministers dinner.

Appoints the treasurer to prepare ane dinner in the gildhall, upon Wedensdaye next, to the presbytrie and others who are to conveen then for installing of Mr. James Brisbane in the ministrie here.

29 *January* 1704.

Tolbooth steeple.

Recomend to Baillie Stevensone, with the treasurer, to aggrie for as many Hyeland oak tries as will serve the spire of the tolbooth steeple and hing the great bell, the pryce of both timber and cariage to this place not exceeding ten pound sterling and ane guinea.

18 *March* 1704.

Wethercock.

Recomends to the oversiers of the tolbooth work to agrie with Duncan Ker, hammerman, anent ane staff glob and wethercock to the tolbooth steeple, at the easiest rate they can.

22 *July* 1704.

Faires.

Recomends to colonell John Erskine, commissioner for this burgh to the present parliament, to petitione the said parliament for tuo new faires to this burgh, the one to be upon the first Tuesday of December and the other upon the last Tuesday of January yearlie.

13 *October* 1705.

Anent Polmais fair and mercats.

Appointes the dean of gild to goe to Edinburgh and consult with her Majesties advocat the best method to be taiken by this burgh in order to the reduceing of tuo yearlie faires and ane weeklie mercat latlie obtained by

Polmais from the parliament, to be holden within the barronie of Balqwhidrock,[1] as also his fair at Brocksbrae, the samen being noeway authorized, and to raise letters accordinglie; as also to consult the way and maner of interrupting therof civilie. **Anent Polmais fair and mercats.**

22 *October* 1705.

The council declare that they are to meet at the cross the morrow and proclame the tuo new faires granted by the last session of parliament[2] to this burgh, by tuck of drum, and therafter appoints the same lykewayes to be proclamed at all other places of mercat within this burgh; and appointes the clerk to transmitte intimationes therof to all the paroch churches and publict mercats in this and the neighbouring shyres, bearing the saids new faires to be frie of double custome for ane year to come. **Anent new fairs.**

12 *November* 1705.

Appointes the dean of gild to wreat to Holland for four halfe barrells of poulder for the publict of this burgh. **Pouder.**

3 *December* 1705.

The magistrats and council taikeing to consideratione how much it might contribute both to the honour and interest of this burgh that the weeklie mercat therof, being Fryday, wer more frequentlie resorted to by her Majesties leidges, and being willing for that end to make the said weeklie mercat more open and frie and to remove all seeming limitationes or restrictions that hitherto hes occurred to the discouradgemt of any of the leidges, theirfore the saids magistrats and council have declared and hereby declare that from hencefurth it shall be laufull to all cuntrie tradesmen, such as hammermen, cordiners, fleshers, baxters, and lykewayes to all chapmen and wooltraders, to resorte with their goods and trade to the said weeklie mercat, where they shall have the friedome of the wholl day from sun to sun for selling therof; provyding alwayes that the saids chopmen presume not to sell staple goods, nor the woolmen keep open chops upon the said day. As also they hereby declare that it shall be laufull to all countrie weavers to buye all sorts of yairne on the said weeklie mercat day imediatlie after ten aclock in the foirnoon, and for all other persones who may have occasione to buy yairne for their oune **Anent the weeklie mercat.**

[1] Stirling Charters, No. LXI., p. 179. [2] Stirling Charters, No. LX., p. 178.

Anent the weeklie mercat.

particular use to doe the same at any tyme of the day without any hazard of challange.

8 *December* 1705.

Minut book.

The magistrats and council appoint the clerk to have in readienes against the next council day ane book for minuting the acts and overturrs of council, which is to be signed by the preses each sederunt of councile.[1]

Sterling 22 *January* 1706.

Tolboth and steeple.

Appointis Mr. John Allan to draw up ane particular account of the haill expences debursed upon the throwing doune and building up the new tolbooth and steeple.

23 *January*, 1706.

Call to Mr. Robert M'Aulaye.

The council commissionats the four baillies, with colonell Erskine and the conveiner, to attend the presbytrie the morrow, in order to the prosecuting the call, this day signed by the magistratis, council, and elderis, to Mr. Robert M'Ala, minister at Inshinnan, for supplieing the vacancie of second minister here, and doe everie thing theranent incumbent befor this presbytrie.

9 *February* 1706.

Burges ticketis.

Appointes noe burges ticketis heirafter to be given without the councils special appointment.

25 *February* 1706.

Act reponing John Robertsone Officer.

The council taikeing to consideratione that John Robertsone, officer, who was suspended from his office upon account of the escape of . . . . Gordon alias M'Wattie furth of this tolbooth, being incarcorat for breaking of the laird of Moncrieffis house and stealling of considerable goods furth theirof, hes now vindicat himselfe by searching after and finding the said Gordon, therfor repones him to his office, in the exercise quheirof he is to continwe untill he, with Stalker and Russall the other tuo officers, be tryed befor the council

[1] In terms of this act a Minute Book was commenced in which the acts were recorded and usually signed by the dean of guild as preses of the council. From this book the minutes (with any additional matter such as proclamations, royal addresses, grants or seals of cause to the incorporated trades, proceedings at the annual election of the council, &c.), were engrossed, not always *verbatim et literatim*, in the Principal Council Book. The text has been printed chiefly from the "Minute Book," but the "Principal Council Book" has also been resorted to when necessary.

anent Gordonis first escape and accepting of gold from him, which is to be done how soon the provost comes to this place. **Act reponing John Robertsone Officer.**

Colonell John Erskine, deputie governour of Sterling Castle, being one of thes commissionat by the toune council to goe to Edinburgh and concurre in the actione of declarator persued be this burgh against Polmais, made report of his diligence in the mater and produced the lordis their decreit of declarator against Polmais faires, which, with some informationes theiranent, wer delivered to Baillie Chrystie, in absence of the dean of gild and the conveiner, to be put in the boal, quhich was instantlie done; as also ane double of the protest by the said colonell befor the parliament againste the saidis faires. The tounes act of parliament for their tuo new faires put up in the boal. **Polmais fairs.** **Tounes faires.**

2 *March* 1706.

The council considering that they had promised the old clock to Duncan Ker after he had compleitlie made the new, and that the said Duncan only receaved ane part of the said old clock from Patrick Stivensone, late treasurer, and as yet wantis six stoupis and some runneris, albeit the said late treasurer receaved the said wholl new clock, theirfor the council decernes the said Patrick Stivensone aither to deliver to the said Duncan Ker the forsaidis stoupis and quhat elis is yet wanting by him of the said old clock, or els soe much new yrone as the said Patrick and he can agrie about, at least six stone of yrone. **Duncan Keir; old clock.**

21 *March* 1706.

Appointis the captaines and other officeris of the tounes train bands to goe through their respective companies and taike ane list of them and what armes they have, and to appoint such as want armes to provyde themselves theirwith, that they may be in readienes upon the first call to be given them. **Train bandis.**

16 *Aprile* 1706.

Appointes intimatione by tuck of drum to be made upon the next May fair, and the tuo Frydayes befor, signiefieing to the leidges that, both by his Majesties gift and chartor in favoures of this burgh and by tuo severall decreits of declarator obtained befor the lords of sessione, all faires and mercatis within tuo myles of this burgh are prohibite and discharged, and that such as haveing milk kyne to sell upon that day comonlie called Brockisbrae **Fair at the Burrowisgate.**

Fair at the Burrowis-gate.

day may bringe them to the Borrowsgate of Sterling and East Craigs thairof, where their shall be frie mercat allowed without any custome.

Goose race, horse race, and foot race.

Also the council appointis intimation to be made the foirsaids dayes that their is ane goose race to be ryden for by the maltmen of this burgh upon the Saturnday imediatlie befor Whitsunday next, a litle without the Borrowsgate, which is to begin at nyne oclock in the morning; as also ane horse race for ane fyne sadle and furnitur to the value of xij lib. 14 s., to be rydden for the said day at ane aclock in the afternoon the said day, betuixt the Borrowsgate and William Shirrayes in Cambusbarron, back and foir, the value of each horse to run not to exceed 60 lib.; as also ane foot race betuixt the Borrowsgate and Whythill at three aclock the said day for ane pair of new stockines, ane pair of new shooes, and ane blew bonnet.

30 *Aprile* 1706.

Lord Mark Ker.

The council appoints the complement of gratis burgeship to be given to my Lord Mark Ker and his retinue.

7 *May* 1706.

High way for the race.

Recomends to baillie Chrystie and baillie Gillespie to sight the hieway where the toune race is to be run, and cause clear and dight the same and ordour the getting up of the stoupe quhair the horses are to turne, and cause helpe any ill steps in the way.

21 *May* 1706.

Manse.

Appointes the treasurer to pay to David Napier, measone, eight pounds Scots for putting up ane concave vent in Mr. Brisbanes manse and furnishing all materials thairto.

1 *June* 1706.

Powder and ball.

Appointis the treasurer to buye for the publict use of the burgh ane barrell of pouder and tuo halfe chistis of ball, the one of ane greater and the other of ane lesser syze.

29 *June* 1706.

Anent the horse milne.

The council recomends to Alexander Burd, in absence of the treasurer, to employe workmen for securing the timber in the horsemilne by securing the doores and otherwayes; and in the meantyme the council are to consider

whither ane new horse milne or water milne will be fittest and most easie for the burgh. **Anent the horse milne.**

22 *July* 1706.

Appoints the treasurer to furnish some sand, lime, and sklaitis for repairing the rooff of the kirk. **Kirk roof.**

6 *August* 1706.

The principall submission and decreit arbitral betuixt the toune and Craigforth given to the clerk to be registrat. **Craigforth.**

Appointes the treasurer to give to Patrick Tilloch, ane broken merchant in Forres, thrie pound Scotis; and approves of other 3 lib. given by the treasurer to ane converted Jesuite by the provost and baillies ordour. **Broken merchant. Converted Jesuit.**

20 *August* 1706.

Appointes the treasurer to pay to Harie Chrystie, chyrurgeon, four poundis for cureing of John Cunninghame, officer, his head being severlie cutt. **Cureing officer.**

9 *September* 1706.

Appointis Alexander Jaffray, treasurer, to make necessar preparatiounes for the presbytries dinner against the first of October next, upon quhich day Mr. M'Ala is to be installed second minister of this burgh. **Dinner to the presbytery.**

14 *September*, 1706.

Allowes to Duncan Ker, hammerman, fourtie eight poundis Scotis monie for keeping the clock and ringing the tolbooth bells from the first of September 1705, and yearlie in tyme comeing during the councilis pleasure. **Keeping the clock.**

16 *November*, 1706.

Appoints ane address to the parliament to be drawn and signed by the council and communitie against the Union, conforme to the articles concerted by the commissioners of both kingdomes. **Address against the Union.**

Appointes intimation imediatelie to be made by tuck of drum to the haill inhabitantis within this burgh and territories thairof, betuixt sixtie and sixtine yearis, to be in readines with their swords and gunnis at their respective officeris quarteris, upon Monday next be nyne aclock in the morning, under the penaltie of 5 lib. each. Nominatis James Watson, merchant, captain, in absence of dean of gild, and John Fletwood, lieutenant. **Act for being ready with sword and gun.**

5 *December*, 1706.

Act anent burning the articles of the Union.

The magistratis and council being conveined and takeing to consideratione that some of the inhabitants of this burgh did yesterday, as they are informed, presume at their oune hands, without the least knowledge of any of the saidis magistrats or council, to burne the Articles of the Union of the tuo Kingdomes, which deed being a manifest contempt throune upon the Government, the saidis magistratis and council unanimouslie disclame and disoune, and declare their readines not onlie to punish the same but also to suppress the lyke practice for the future according to their power. But, least the mater of fact should be misrepresented to his grace Her Majesties hye commissioner and estatis of parliament, theirfor appoints the clerk to wreat ane letter to the provost and ane other to colonell Erskine, owr commissioner, signiefieing that the deed was done onlie by some drunken people and boyes without the knowledge of the magistrats and council, and who wer lykewayes ignorant of the late act of parliament against tumultuarie and irregular meetings and convocationes of the leidges, the same never haveing been proclaimed here; and theirfor desyreing them to represent the said mater in the true if not the most favourable termes, and crave their advyce what is propper farder to be done by the magistratis and council in that mater.

14 *December*, 1706.

Expenses to Edinburgh anent burning articles.

Appointis the treasurer to pay to baillie Don twentie one pound seven shilling for his oune and horse hyre and expences debursed by him in goeing to Edinburgh anent the burning of the articles of the Union at this cross, and representing the same favourablie to the commissioner, earl of Mar, and otheris.

25 *January* 1707.

Kirk bellis.

Approves of 33 lib. payed by the treasurer for tarred rops for the kirk bells; item, one pound eight shillings for carriage therof and hinging of them.

15 *March*, 1707.

Plea betwixt Polmais and the town.

Upon receipt of ane lyne from the provost signifieing that Polmais was resolved to raise ane council process against the magistratis upon account of ane alleadged ryot in interrupting his fair at Brockisbrae, the council recom-

mendis to baillie Chrystie, who is to goe to Edinburgh upon Monday next, to take the tounes decreit of declarator against Polmais alongs with him and doe quhat is propper for preventing the plie. Plea betwixt Polmais and the town.

14 *April*, 1707.

The dean of gild and conveiner, with baillie Chrystie, to whom it was recomended by the councile verballie to agrie with ane sufficient toune carier for serving this burgh, have this day agried with John Walker in Milnetoune of Bonnockburne to serve the said burgh as carier thereto during the magistrats and council their pleasure, who hereby accepts thereof and binds and obleidges him as principall, and Patrick Henrie in Muiretoune as cautioner for him, that he shall leallie and truelie serve the said burgh and haill communitie thereof as carier foirsaid, and noeway loss or embazell any goods, money, or effects, that he shall be entrusted with. John Walker carier.

21 *April* 1707.

Patrick Gillespie, merchant, one of the council, being appoynted to take a letter last week and the touns declarator against Polmaise to advise about his fair at Broxbrae, made report. The same day he delyvered back the declarator, and the council ordored the dean of gild to keep it untill the nixt day of the councils meeting. And farder the said Patrick reported that the toun of Sterling may placad our decernitur part of our declarator upon the most publict places of the toun, and also intimate the same at the severall paroch church dores within the shyre, and also to make intimatione with touck of drume of the same throw the toun, and also to make civile interuption at Broxbrae against Polmaise and keeping of Broxbrae mercat; and also the provost letter was red, and some quires to be advysed, quhich are all lying upon the table; quhich the council approves of as above. Also the council appoynts ane race to be run at Sterling for ane silver tanker to the value of three pound starling,—STERLING PRYSE to be drawn upon it in lairge letters,—upon the last Saturday of May nixt. Also appoynts a mans foot race for ane pare of stockings, ane pare of shoes, and a pare of gloves, with ane bonnett. Also the council recomends to the gildrie of this burgh to make a ring race that day; and to the maltmen for a goose race, and for the omnigatherum for a load sadle race, a pare of sods, and ane new seck full of coalls: all to be run the same day, the goose race at ten aclock, the silver plate race at one aclock Report anent Polmais fair. Order for a race.

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in the afternoon, the ring race at three aclock, the lade sadle race at five aclock afternoon; and appoynts all thir races to be putt in the Gazett for six weeks to come, to give advertisment to all the leidges. Also appoynts some of the magistrats to meet with the sherifs deputs to gett his concurrance for intimating our decernitur and our races through the shyre.

3 *May* 1707.

Act anent Rachell McKillop.

The council recomends to the magistrats of Sterling to transport Rachell M'Killop from the holl beneath the steeple to the thieves holl, for the better securing of her; and appoints the officers to secure her foot in the goad from eight at night to six aclock in the morning.

Act anent races; Brocksbrae.

Recomends to baillie Chrystie, or in his absence to baillie Don and clerk Don, to goe upon Thursday come eight dayes to Callander and there to waite upon the earle of Linlithgow in order to the procureing his countenancing our races and discourageing the unwarrantable mercat at Brocksbrae; and at the same tyme to cause intimat our races, togither with our decreit of declarator against Polmais, by tuck of drum through Falkirk.

7 *June* 1707.

Sacrament.

Appoints John Anderson, late conveiner, to make readie fyne wheat bread for the approaching sacrament of the Lords Supper, and the treasurer to provyde the wyne.

Glass to the tolbooth.

Appoints baillie Don to send for fyne French glas for the new tolbooth windows.

Act in favours of John Dinn.

Appoints the treasurer to pay to John Din, hammerman, fyftine pounds Scots money for his bygone service as drummer preceeding the first of June instant, except proclamationes, and lykewayes to pay to him twelve shilling weeklie from that day during his service and the councils pleasure; he alwayes continueing to beat the tattow and travalie at 4 aclock in the morning for the Sumer seasone, and thereafter at such tymes as he shall be ordered.

28 *June* 1707.

Silver blason.

Provost Napier delivered up to the council the tounes silver blason formerlie made use of by their posts, and which was put up in the boall by the dean of gild and conveiner.

29 *October* 1707.

The council appoints the wholl pensioners of Spittalls Hospital to attend the ordinances in the kirk of Sterling upon all occasiones and sitt in the dask belonging to the samen hospital, and the pensioners of Cowans Hospital to doe the lyke, under the pane of foirfaulting of ane weeks sallarie each pensioner transgressing, unless he be sick or out of toune. Anent the pensioners of hospitals.

1 *November* 1707.

Baillie Don made report that he went to Edinburgh conforme to Sir Samuel M'Clelland his letter, but for certane reasones the deliverie of the English standards to the severall burghs priviledged theirwith was delayed untill the privie councils mynd wer knoune. New measures.

Appoints the tounes rights with respect to the jug of the Scots pynt to be looked out this day and sent to Edinburgh on Monday next to Bandalloch for vindicating the tounes right to the keeping of the liquid measures. Towns jug.

13 *November* 1707.

Anent the supplicatione given into the councill by John Mitchell in Whimas for the loss sustained by him of his horses at the batell of Killichranckie, the councill in consideratione theirof allowe and grant to him twenty pound Scotts for his said loss. John Mitchell, loss of horses at Killicrankie.

20 *December* 1707.

Appoints James Urqwhart to furnish the Edinburgh Courrant to the toune for thrie moneths to come, that the council may be farder advysed therewith. Edinburgh Courant.

24 *January* 1708.

The council grants commissione to Colonell Erskine, late provost, and Bandalloch, or any of them, to receave the standard of the liquid measures now come from Engleand in stead of the former jog, and to grant receipt thereof and secure the same in a convenient place untill the toune call for the same. New standarts.

17 *March* 1708.

The councill considering how necessar it is for this burgh in the present juncture to keep ane fixed correspondence for some time both with Edinburgh and Perth for getting the most exact intelligence of all ocurrances from time Correspondence with Edinburgh and Perth for getting intelligence.

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to time until setlement be made, therfor they appoint tuo posts to be employed one for Edinburgh and ane other for Perth, and appoints the clerk to wreat to Bandalloch on all occasions as the magistrats shall enjoyne to converse with my lord Grange and any of her Majesties privie councill he shall think fitt, to the effect the burgh may have ther advice how they shall behave and quhat intelligence of publict as well as national concerns can be had; as also to wreat to provost Crie in Perth and the toun clerk there to the same effect, and to signifie the councils inclinations to continue the said correspondence with them untill it please God to remove the present confusions.

20 *March* 1708.

Letter to my lord Grange.

Appoints ane letter to be wreaten to my lord Grange giveing account that this burgh is generallie well affected to the present goverment and are willing to stand to the defence theirof, but onlie they want armes and amunition.

Keeping guard.

Appoints ane guard to be keeped by 20 tounsmen each 24 hours, under command of the magistrats, dean of gild, and conveener, successively, untill the present confusions be setled.

17 *April* 1708.

Spout at Raploch burn bridge.

Recomends to the provost, with [six others], to visite that part of the Bridge Milne lead above the Raploch burne bridge where the spout is, and to ordor effectual course to be taken theirwith for preventing the scailing of the water.

Act anent the bridge and calsies.

The council considering the present bad conditione of the bridge, longe calsay, shoar, and shoar calsay sluce, with some of the publict streets within the burgh, and particularlie the Castle Wynd and that part of the Broad Street above the cross, and lykewayes the Marie Wynd, they appoint James Watsone and John Archbald, conveener, to take inspection of the saids calsayes and others and imploy workmen for repairing theirof and to agrie with them for that effect, as alsoe to oversie the work, and appoints the treasurer to pay the workmen from tyme to tyme as he shall be ordored by the saids oversiers.

26 *April* 1708.

84 lib. 8 s. paid anent the standarts.

Approves of ane particular account payed out by the dean of gild anent the new standart of liquid measures sent doune from Engleand and for cariage of the greatest part of them here, extending to eightie four pound eight shilling.

6 *May* 1708.

Appoints intimatione to be made to the wholl inhabitants by tuck of drum, discharging them from harbouring or resetting of vagabounds or louse persones, as also from setting of howses to unfrie persones or such as want sufficient testiemonials, under the penaltie of ten pounds Scots *toties quoties;* as alsoe recomends to the baillies to goe through their severall quarters and take ane exact list of the inhabitants and acount of their abilities to quarter souldiers; and lykewayes to notice all extraneous and louse persones, that due course may be taken with them.

Against setting houses to unfreemen and resetting vagabonds.

24 *May* 1708.

The magistrats and council being conveined for choysing ane comissioner for this burgh to meet with the comissioners of the other burrows adjoined theirto for electing of ane member to the next parliament of Great Britann, appointed to be holden at Westminster opon the eight of July next, conforme to ane act of the parliament of Great Britanne, ordor of chancellarie direct to the shereife, and the shereifs precept issued out theiranent, the saids magistrats and council befor proceeding into the said electione did swear and signe the allegeance, as alsoe did signe the assurance after the usual maner, as followes:—We doe sincerlie promeise and swear that we will be faithfull and bear true allegeance to her Majestie Queen Ann. Soe helpe us God. [Here follow signatures.]

Comissioner to the parliament.

We doe in the sinceritie of our hearts assert acknowledge and declare that her Majestie Queen Ann is the onlie laufull undoubted Sovereigne of this realme, as well *de jure,* that is of right Queen, as *de facto,* that is in the possessione and exercise of the goverment, and theirfor we doe sincerlie and faithfullie promise and ingadge that we will with heart and hand, life and goods, mantaine and defend her Majesties title and government against the late King James, his adherents, and all other enemies, who aither by open or secret attempts shall disturb or disquiet her Majestie in the possessione and exercise theirof. [Here follow signatures.]

Theirafter the saids magistrats and council unanimouslie elect Colonell John Erskine, provost, as comissioner for this burgh to the above meetting, and appoints the clerk to extend, signe, and seall his commission.

22 *June* 1708.

Approves of ane particular account spent in Mrs. Moirs with Bandalloch

Whythill lands.

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and others anent the lands of Whythill now acquired by Spittalls Hospital, extending to £4 4 s.

19 *July* 1708.

Weights and measures.

The councill appoints intimation to be made by tuck of drum, in obedience to ane act of the general convention of burrows of 15th current, that noe weights nor measures are to be used within this burgh furth and after the first of November next, except such as shall be conforme to the standarts latelie sent doune from Engleand.

Giving out the small seall.

The small seall belonging to the burgh of Sterling delivered at the council table to John Archbald, conveiner, in ordor to the causeing of workmen make ane litle stamp conforme theirto for marking of the setts of the severall liquid measurs conforme to the standarts sent here from Engleand.

24 *July* 1708.

Standarts.

Authorizes the dean of gild and conveiner to distribute the standarts of the liquid measures to the severall royal burrows, as the provost of Edinburgh shall desyre from time to tyme, after the saids standarts shall be stamped with the touns armes, and to receave thirtie pounds Scots for each of the setts, and to be accountable theirfor, and lykewayes for 30 lib. alreadie receaved from the burgh of Glasgow.

29 *July* 1708.

Paying some glasses; victory over French.

Approves of fyve pound fyve shilling payed out by the treasurer for glasses throune up at the cross at the solemnitie upon account of the confederats victorie over the French neir Audenard.

14 *August* 1708.

Rebuilding the horsemiln.

The provost and others, appointed by ane act of the last dyet of councill to have mett with knowing men and commune anent rebuilding the horsemilne, made report that they had done the same and converst with severalls thereanent, and presented ane modell after or according to which it is after due consideration thought fitte the said horsemilne be made or rebuilt, which the councill unanimously approve of.

4 *September* 1708.

Anent the standarts.

Appoints the dean of gild to wreat to the deans of gild of Edinburgh, Linlithgow, and Lanrick, for the standarts of the elne, weights, and drye measures.

16 *October* 1708.

The magistrats and council of the said burgh, upon applicatione made to them by some of the members of the kirk session authorized by them for that effect, in pursueance of ane act and proclamation latelie issued by her Majestie in ordor to the more effectual suppressing of the horrid crymes of cursing, swearing, drunkeness, profanation of the Lords day, unseasonable frequenting of taverns, ando ther vyces and immoralities abounding in this place to the dishonour of God, scandal of the christian religione, and contempt of the many good and wholsome lawes of this natione. And the saids magistrats and council, being fullie resolved to use their outmost endeavours for bringing to condigne and impartial punishment all and whatsomever persones without exception who heirafter shall happen to be guiltie of any of these crymes and immoralities, and to concurre with and be assistant to the said kirk session for that end, have appointed and hereby appoint ane weeklie court to be keeped by the baillies each Wedensday at tuo aclock in the afternoon for punishing of all persons who shall happen to be guiltie of any such crymes or immoralities, conforme to law, without the least abatement, and have recomended and hereby recomend to the saids baillies to nominat and make choyce of tuo honest and conscientious neighbours out of each quarter for exact noticeing of all such persons as shall be found guiltie, and discovering of them to the saids magistrats or their fiscal from tyme to tyme, that justice may have its course against them; and recomends to the ministers and kirk session to cause intimat these presents from the pulpit, that non may pretend ignorance.

Weekly court anent drunkards and others.

20 *November* 1708.

The council, after report of the committie appointed to revise the acts of council anent the entrie of mechanicks, finds that the mechanicks can not plead the priviledge competent to any of the seven incorporat trades as to the ease of entrie, and theirfor declares their entrie in all tyme comeing to be twentie four pounds Scots each persone.

Anent mechanicks entry.

Appoints the treasurer to buye or borrow some black searge for covering ane parte of the Queens loft, upon account of the death of prince George of Denmark.

Black searge to the Queens loft.

11*th December* 1708.

Appoints the treasurer to pay to baillie Leask thirtie six pounds Scots for tuo carpets bought by him for the use of the burgh.

Carpets.

15 *January* 1709.

6 lib. for drogs.

Appoints the masters of the said hospital to give to John Robertsone, flesher, six pounds Scots for buyeing of drogs to his sore leg.

9 *April* 1709.

Anent ruinous houses.

Recomends to the several magistrats to goe through their respective quarters and notice the several ruinous houses, especiallie such as are in danger of doun falling, and to order the same to be aither repaired or taken doune.

Obligation by Polmais to uphold a bridge.

I, John Murray of Touchadame, grant me by these presents to have received from James Chrystie, one of the present baillies of Sterling, in name of and by act of the magistrats and toun councill of the said burgh, twentie four pound Scots money, as being the soume agreed upon betwixt them and me, for building ane ston bridge a little below the house of Mr. Charles Bennet of Easter Livilands upon the aquaduct or myln lead belonging to the said toun mylns as it crosses the high way leading from the village of St. Ninians to Polmais, and for mantaineing and upholding theirof in tyme comeing; and therefore I hereby oblidge me, my heirs and successors whatsomever; to mantain and uphold the said bridge in all tyme comeing in a sufficient condition as it is at present built by me, so as the said myln lead or aquaduct shall not be hearefter damnifyed and prejudged be the said bridge.

23 *April* 1709.

Bridge over the Raploch burn.

Appoints the treasurer, at the sight of the dean of gild and conveiner, to cause build ane sufficient ston pend of frie ston over the Raploch burn, and cause helpe the syds of the said damm at that place soe as the water may not be lost.

Act suspending John Cuningham, officer.

The magistrats and council taiking to consideration ane complaint given in against John Cuninghame, officer, for his gross malversation in his office by accepting of tuo halfe crounes from Sir Walter Pringle, advocat, after his getting the complement of ane honourarie burges, and which act of the said John Cuninghame they find most unaccountable, and verrie much tending to the great dishonour of the burgh, and theirfor, and in respect of his confession theirof, they suspend him of his office during their pleasure, and ordaines him to be committed to prisson, there to remaine during the magis-

trats pleasure, and recomends to the saids magistrats to ordor his farder punishment as they shall think fitt.

Act reponing John Cuningham, officer.

30 *April* 1709.

Ordaines Duncan Murison and Christian Russall, relict of Alexander Chrystie, to take doun their ruinous houses betwixt and this day eight dayes, with certification if they faill the toun councill or magistrats will order the doeing thereof and dispose of the stons to defray the charges in takeing doun thereof.

Order anent ruinous houses.

Upon supplication given in be John Cunninghame, and at the desire of some neighbouring gentlemen, friends to Sir Walter Pringle, from quhom Cuninghame received some monie, as is mentioned in the former act, the councill repones the said John Cuningham to his place as toun officer, certifieing him and the rest of the officers if they comitt the like in tyme comeing they will not onlie be deprived of their office but otherwayes severlie punished.

Act reponing John Cuningham, officer.

18 *June* 1709.

The council haveing considered the petition given in by the fishers of the tounes cobles, they grant the desyre theirof and discharges all persones quhatsomever from hencefurth to presume to fish, aither upon the bridge of Sterling or any other parte of the tounes water, with rods and lynes, under the penaltie of ten pounds Scots money ilk persone, *toties quoties,* and imprissonment of their persones during the magistrats pleasure, and appoints these presents to be published by tuck of drum.

Act in favours of the fishers.

13 *August* 1709.

Appoints the masters of Spittalls Hospital to furnish cloaths to the weiklie pensioners, consisting of coat and breeches to each of them, not exceeding sixtie pounds Scots in haill.

Cloaths to weekly pensioners.

12 *September* 1709.

The magistrats and council takeing to their consideration that the practice and custome used by the seven incorporat trades within this burgh of giveing in their leets to the council upon the first Monday yearlie after the September fair of this burgh, comonlie called the Ryding fair, did frequentlie give occasione of profaneing the Lords day, theirfor and for preventing the

For giving up leets upon a Tuesday.

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lyke for the future, it is heirby statute and ordained and appointed to be repute and holden as a parte of the sett of this burgh that in all tyme comeing the saids trades shall give in their leets to the council upon the first Tuesday yearlie after the said Rydeing fair; and for the same reasone above mentioned it is also statute and ordained that for heirafter the election of the conveiner and deacons yearlie shall be upon that day eight dayes, being the Tuesday theirafter.

24 *October* 1709.

Act anent the touns revenues.

The council have resolved that the haill tounes revenues shall be set in haill or in part for moe or one years upon the third of November next, and intimation theirof to be made upon Fryday nixt.

3 *November* 1709.

Act anent ane jaylor.

It being overtured in council that ane jaylor for the prisson of this burgh was as well necessar here as practical in other royal burrowes, and that Archbald Moir, late deacon of the fleshers, was content to accept theirof and find sufficient caution, recomends to the provest, baillie Don, and James Russall, late baillie, with the dean of gild and conveiner, to comune with the said Archbald Moir theiranent both as to his sallarie and caution.

Setts of the customs.

The customes of the meall mercat, bridge, borrowsgate, tron, water of Forth, fish shambles, and shoar meall, with the four old yearlie faires, sett (after lawfull rouping) to William Cowan, merchant, for fyve thousand merks yearlie for the space of thrie years to come, commencing from the terme of Mertimes nixt; and the said William Cowan, as principall, and Patrick Maxwall, merchant in Sterling, as cautioner for him, obleidges them to advance and pay ten thousand merks theirof at the terme of Whitsunday nixt, and the other fyve thousand merks at any tyme within the third year of tack; and the said William quytis the reek meall to the officeris.

8 *November* 1709.

Sett of Friars yard and houses.

The Friar yaird, with the house, office houses, brae, land, and pertinents, sett, after rouping, to Sir John Erskine of Alva for seven years to come for ane hundred and fiftie nyne pound Scots yearlie.

Nomination Archbald Moir, jaylor.

Upon report made by the committie nominat by ane act of the 3d current to meet with Archbald Moir and agrie with him as jaylor, the magistrats and council nominat and constitute the said Archbald Moir jayleor of this

tolbooth for ane year to come, commencing from Mertimes nixt, and allowes him not onlie the ordinar prisson dues but alsoe thriescore pound Scots for the said years service, the said Archbald alwayes finding sufficient caution to the value of fyve hundred merks for indemnifieing the toune of all damnages that may be occasioned by breaking of the tolbooth by prissoners through his or his servants negligence.

Nomination Archbald Moir, jaylor.

26 *November* 1709.

Appoints a clean double of the tounes table of customes to be drauen by the clerk and sent to Bandallach, to the effect he may cause print doubles theirof to the value of thrie pounds Scots and send the same here in order to the distribution of some of them to the magistrats and tacksmen of the customes, and the rest to be keiped by the dean of gild and convener for the use of the burgh.

Table of the customs being printed.

Discharges George Andersone of his office as quartermaster, and recomends to the baillies, at the sight of the provost, to order the quartering till Whitsunday nixt in caice other troups come not here, but in caice any new troups come then the council are to nominat any quartermaster they shall think most fitt.

Discharging George Andersone, quartermaster.

5 *January* 1710.

The magistrats and councill of the said burgh being conveined, there was presented to them by the ministers of the gospell and a certain number of the elders within the said burgh appoynted by the kirk session thereof for that effect ane act and recomendation of the generall assembly of the Church of Scotland for furthering the designe of propagating christian knouledge and increass of pietie and vertue, not onlie within that part of Great Britain, especiallie in the Highlands, islands, and remote corners thereof, but also in forreign parts of the world, dated the nyntein day of Aprile last by past, together with her Majesties letters patent and act of the lords of councill and session relative thereto, with the proposals made thereanent, all which the saids ministers and elders seriouslie recomended to the saids magistrats and councill, and that they might ordor such course to be taken thereanent as might be most satisfyeing to the comunitie of this burgh and conducive to the most pious and christian designe thereby proposed. Which being considered by the saids magistrats and councill, they unanimouslie declare that, in pursuance of and complyance with the forsaid act of generall assemblie of

Act of generall assembly anent propagating christian knowledge in the Highlands, &c.

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this church, her Majesties letters patent, and act of the lords of councill and session, they will use their outmost endavours for contributeing to and advanceing such a honourable and most christian purpose and designe, so much tending to the glorie of God, promotion of the kingdom of Jesus Christ at home and abroad, and increass of pietie and learning, as is more fullie contained in the most solide and convinceing reasons exprest in the above proposals. And for that effect the saids magistrats and councill not onlie recomend to the dean of gild to convein the gildrie, the deacon conveiner the seven incorporate trades, and the baillies the maltmen, mechanicks and omnigatherum, with their first conveniencie, in ordor to their giveing such contributions for so great and good a designe as the Lord may incline them to and their publick stocks allow; but also that in regaird of the forwardness and zeall of other burghs and parroches of Scotland, whose christian example and liberalitie upon the above account, worthie both of imitation and comendation, cannot faill to contribute to their great honour and christian reputation, they will appoynt such of their number as they shall think fitt to make choyce of to goe through the severall quarters of this burgh for collecting and receiving the contributions of each particular inhabitant, whereby occasion may be given to all to extend their charitie for such a hylie commendable work. And lastlie they recomend to the saids ministers, after intimation of the above acts and letters patent with the proposals, likewise to intimat this present act that all the inhabitants may be advertised thereof.

21 *January* 1710.

Expense in waiting on Col. Erskine.

The provost gave in to the council ane account of his expences with the treasurer and others at Borrowstouness, Queensferrie, and Edinburgh, in waiting on Colonell Erskine when he went last to the parliament of Great Britain, extending to fiftein pound six shilling Scots, quhich the council approved of and appoints the treasurer to pay the same.

25 *March* 1710.

Anent the court place and benches.

The council approves of the treasurers giveing to Mr. M'Gill, architeck, at the magistrats desyre, thrie guineas for his paines in viewing the foir tolbooth and drawing a sceme for reforming the court place and benches theirin, and appoints the work to be proceeded into and compleated with all diligence, and the treasurer to pay the same.

3rd May 1710.

The council appoints the kirk bells to be rung the morrow, from the tyme that the marqueises* of Montrose corps are brought within the tounes libertie untill they be convoyed furth theirof. **Marquis of Montrose funerals.**

24 *June* 1710.

The councill allowes Mr. Francis Clerk, practitioner of phisick and chyrurgerie, to erect a stage in the publict street, upon this condition that he shall not by himselfe or his servants enter upon the stage upon the publict mercat day untill one aclock in the afternoon. **Practitioner of phisick and chyrurgerie.**

9 *September* 1710.

Admitts James Eleis, precenter and master of musick of this burgh, to the libertie of a burges and neighbour of this burgh gratis. **Precenter.**

7 *October* 1710.

Appoints the treasurer to pay to William Burges six pounds Scots as a part of his charges in pursueing the drovers for passing with their droves at the foords of Forth and not at the bridge of Sterling, in prejudice of him as tacksman. **Drovers.**

Recomends to the dean of gild and conveiner, with the baillies, to meet with Stephen Crawfoord, coppersmith in Glasgow, quhenever he shall come to this burgh, and agrie with him anent the standarts of liquid measures made by him for this burgh, to be disposed by them to other burghs. **Agreeing with coppersmith anent standarts.**

16 *December* 1710.

The councill considering that the deceast Mr. Robert Rule, late first minister of this burgh, gott no money allowed him for his transportation to this place, as has been usually granted to other ministers of this burgh, and lykewayes that he dyed but some very few dayes before the terme of Whitsunday, whereby his executouris got not the halfe years stipend allowed by law if he had survived the said terme, and farder considering the present circumstances of Elizabeth Campsie, his relict, doe upon the said considerations and as ane proof of their respect for his memorie, of their kyndnesse and bountie grant and allow to the said Elizabeth Campsie the soume of twentie pound sterling. **Allowance to relict of a minister.**

* *Sic.* in Minute Book, but "marchines" in Council Book.

Toun clock.

Allowes Duncan Ker, hammerman, four pound Scots for his extraordinare pains in taking doun the toun clock.

Act anent some lead.

Ordains Patrick Stivensone, late treasurer, and Duncan Ker, hammerman, to be conveined before the magistrats and examined what became of the lead appointed for making the paces of the toun clock.

30 *December* 1710.

Report anent the church and steeple.

The committee apointed by ane act of the last meetting made report that they had visited the kirk and steeple, and finds that the kirk will need 50 or 60 foot of rigging stones and some dealls, and the whol tofalls will neid new sarking, quhich being considered by the council they recomend to the dean of gild and conveiner, with the baillie of the quartor, to ordor materials for repairing the saids defects as soone as the seasone can allow, and continewes the consideration of John Steels petition till the work be perfected.

Bells.

Appoints the treasurer to pay to William Smith, hammerman, nyne pound fyve shilling Scots for makeing the new dead bell and mending the skellet bell.

6 *January* 1711.

Allowance to Alexander Jack, lame by a fatal accident.

Appoints the masters of Spittalls Hospital to give to Alexander Jack, taylor, ane infirme tradsman, whos wife who was his principall support is now rendered lame by a fatal accident, tuelve pounds Scots for his and his families present necessitie till Candlemes nixt that the accounts be made; and recomends him to his oune trade and the kirk session for farder supplie.

10 *March* 1711.

Rent of chamber for gaird at bridge.

Appoints the treasurer to pay to Marie Lapslie tuelve pounds Scots as the rent of the foir chamber furnished by her mother for keeping of the gaird at the bridge from Whitsunday last to Whitsunday nixt.

31 *March* 1711.

Act anent the fishery of this burgh.

Their being a line from the lord provost of Edinburgh, direct to the magistrats and council of this burgh, anent giveing account to the commissioners of trade and plantations of the present state of trade in North Brittain, particularlie with respect to the fishery, with its incress or decress and causes theirof, as at more lenth is contained in the said missive, recomend to the

provost, who is going to Edinburgh Monday nixt, and collonell Erskine, who is for the present there, to meet with the provost of Edinburgh and give account to him of the said matter with respect to the said trade in this place.

Act anent the fishery of this burgh.

Appoints the haill neighbours and inhabitants of this burgh who have wells, aither within or without their houses belonging to them, not haveing ledges, that they make sufficient ledges theirto betwixt and the first day of May nixt, under the penaltie of fourtie pounds Scots money ilk heretor contraveining.

Making ledges to wells within the burgh.

26 *April* 1711.

Whereas the magistrats and councill of this burgh having taken to their consideration the acts of parliament made anent woolen and linnen cloath, with the acts of the councill of trade and ane act of the justices of peace for this burgh and shyre relative theirto, they, in pursuance of the saids laudable laws and acts, so much tending to the common good and advantage both of burgh and shyre, and towards the recovery of the reputation which the sarges made within the same formerly had both at home and abroad, (now of a long tyme by the indirect methods and practices of some inteerlie lost), and likewise for preventing of all fraud hitherto used by mixing of different yairn in webs and other wayes, have appoynted and recomended to Thomas Gillespy, one of the present baillies of this burgh, and Henry Duncan, weaver there, to sight and survey all sarges made or to be made within this burgh and shyre, which shall be exposed to sale either abroad or at home furth and after the first day of May nixt ensuing, and to cognosce upon the sufficiencie, breadth, and length thereof, and what they shall find sufficient to affix the stamp or seall of this burgh thereto which is made for that effect; declaring hereby that no sarges shall be holden or repuitt sufficient Sterling sarges wanting the said seall; and that such as shall faill to present their seallable sarges to the saids surveyers present, or such as shall hereafter be nominate for that effect, shall be holden and repuitt as contemners of the law and proceeded against according thereto. These are therefore advertiseing and requiring the heall weavers and others, as well within this burgh as shyre, who upon or after the said first day of May nixt shall have occasion to sell any sarge webs, that before doing thereof they bring alongs and present the same to the saids surveyers to be sighted and sealled by them, who are to be found at the laird of Denovans fore house in the Baxter Wynd upon Monday

Act ordering webs serges and others to be sealled.

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and Tuesday weeklie, from eight to twelve in the forenoon and from two to four in the afternoon; certifying such as shall failyie shall be proceeded against according to law; and appoints the same to be published by tuck of drum upon the nixt mercat day that non may pretend ignorance.

26 *May* 1711.

Act anent suppressing the sin of uncleanness.

The council appoints ane act to be made for the better suppressing of the sin of uncleanness in this place, that whatever woman shall for heirafter be found guiltie of that sin with any of the souldiers that shall happen to be quartered here, and not dilate the same to the magistrats or kirk session before the souldier guiltie with her remove from hence, to the effect the true persone guiltie may be discovered, shall be subject to the punishment of the cockstooll and theirafter banished furth of this burgh.

9 *August* 1711.

Act for repairing the bridge.

Appoints the ledges of the bridge of Sterling, especiallie on the north end without the gate, to be repaired and built by the treasurer, that the damnage which ordinarlie has fallen out to goods passing that way in droves may be prevented for the future.

1 *December* 1711.

Lending 15 lib. stg. to leutenent Chalmers.

Appoints James Graham, collector of the multure, to lend to leutenent Chalmers in colonell Grants regiament fifteen pound sterling money for the use of the six companies of the said regiament lyeing here, upon his bill for repayment.

20 *December* 1711.

Act anent my lord Marrs debt.

The council being conveined, it was represented to them by the masters of Spittalls Hospital that they had communed with my lord Grange anent the debt due by the earle of Mar to the said hospital, who condescended soe far as to give them coalls for the money; which being considered by the councill, they as patrons of the said hospital authorize the saids masters to accept of coals for the said money and dispose upon the same to the best advantage for the behoove of the foirsaid hospital.

12 *January* 1712.

Act in favours of the omnigatherum.

Appoints the treasurer to pay to John Chalmers and Thomas Fairlie, for themselves and in name of the rest of the omnigatherum who furnished horse

for caryeing of the baggadge belonging to Stonebyres troup when they went last from this place, fourtie nyne shilling Scots, wherin the said troup was deficient in payment to them of their just dues. **Act in favours of the omnigatherum.**

8 *March* 1712.

Approves of ane particular account given in by the treasurer, of expences be the burgh at the solemnity on the Queens birthday, last extending to seventy two pund three shilling Scots. **Account at the Queens birthday.**

10 *May* 1712.

The magistrats and council ratifie and approve of former acts of court made anent regulating of the fishing upon the water of Forth belonging to this burgh, and ordaines the same to take due effect in all tyme heirafter, and but prejudice theirto, of new statuts and ordaines that noe fisher of any of the tounes cobles, living or that shall live within this burgh or territories theirof, shall be allowed to take any of the frie cobles within the said water, aither for this or succeeding years, untill the tounes cobles be all sett, under the penaltie of tuentie pounds Scots money payeable by each persone contraveiner heirof. **Act anent the fishing.**

Appoints deacon Patersone to make ten bend lether buckits for the use of the burgh, for which the treasurer is to pay him four pounds Scots per peice. **Act for buckits.**

Appoints the treasurer to pay tuentie shilling Scots for a scabbart to John Stalker, officer, his sword. **20 s. for a scabbart.**

27 *June* 1712.

Recomends to baillie Gillespie and baillie Leask to goe to the Craigs and call the bourlawmen in order to the makeing a hyeway through the Craigs and mending the way to the horsemilne, untill the council consider farder theiranent. **Anent ane highway through the Craigs.**

4 *September* 1712.

The council, as patrons of Spittals Hospital, considering the insufficiencie of the seven trades their meetting howse and that the trades have now purchased a more convenient howse for their meetting, theirfor and for enabling the trads to pay the same they appoint the masters of Spittals Hospital to pay fyve hundered merks of the pryce of the said new purchass, and which new purchass is to bear the old inscription conforme to the old meeting howse or the lyke. **500 merks to buy the trades meeting house.**

13 *September* 1712.

Buckits. Appoints the treasurer to pay to deacon Patersone elleven pounds Scots money for mending the old lether buckits.

1 *November* 1712.

Act anent the table of the customs. Appoints the table of the customes, as now rectified, to be recorded in the principall council book, togither with the statuts anent the several mercats, and tuelve extracts of the table of the customes to be made readie by the clerk betwixt and the nixt council day.

Here follows the table of the towns customs:—

	S.	D.
Each corded pack of linnen cloath, cottan, and others such merchant goods	5	4
Each fardell thereof	2	8
Each cutt of linnen harn, containing twelve elns or above	1	0
Each cutt of the same below twelve elns	0	8
Each pack of wool, woolen cloath, and such goods,	2	8
Each fardell thereof	1	4
Each load of flesh, fish, corns, bread, and other provisions and entertainments for table and dyet	1	0
Each leg of beef, and nothing under,	0	4
Each sheep, and nothing under,	0	4
Each boll of bear, wheat, pease, and beans, coming to or going from the mercat,	0	8
Each load of meal	1	0
Each load of plough, harrow, and cairt graith, and others of that sort, and for every load of cans, kail, and made graith, imported and exported	1	0
Each load of made or drest timber work	2	0
Each load of butter and cheese	1	0
Each load of tallow and iron	2	0
Each load of salt, plants, onions, and fruits	1	0
Each burden thereof	0	4
Each hide	0	4
Each horse, meir, or staige	1	0
Each ox or cow below six in number	1	0
Each ox or cow above six in number	0	8
Each sheep	0	4
Each lamb	0	2
Each sow	1	0
Each load of lime to unfreemen	0	4

Act anent the table of the customs.

	s.	d.
Each puncheon of wine	2	0
Each puncheon or load of beer or ale	2	0
Each load of coals to unfreemen	0	2
Each spinle of yairn	0	2
Each stone broomed wool	1	0
Each stone of English or white wool	1	4
Each six fouls, all under that being free	0	4
Each six pound of butter, all under that being free	0	4
Each six duson of egs, all under that being free	0	4
Each firlot of meal exported, all under being free	0	4
Each gad of iron exported	0	4
Each cutt of iron above a stone weight	0	2
Each hundred deals	13	4
Each spinning wheel	0	6
Each chack reel	0	4
Each hoghead of lintseed	2	0
Each half peck thereof, and nothing under,	0	2
Each slad exported	0	4
Each three duson of rungs, and nothing under,	0	2
Each two pints of tarr, and nothing under,	0	4
Each horse load of merchant goods bought in toun and exported	2	0
Each fardel thereof	1	0
Each eight pound of candle, and nothing under,	0	4
Each load of fir sticks and tethers	1	0
Each burden thereof	0	2
Each web of sarge containing above tuenty five elns	1	0
Each web thereof below that length	0	6

All freemen and grass goods are only to pay the half of the customs above stated.

Towns papers.

Recomends to the dean of gild and conveiner, with John and Robert Watsones, Clerk Don, and James Nicoll, to inventar the papers belonging to the burgh, and theirafter lay up the same orderlie in the new charter roume, and to beginn on Mondayes morning nixt, and from thencefurth to proceed daylie till the matter be perfected.

15 *December* 1712.

Ruinous house at the grammar school.

Anent the representation given in to the magistrats and councill anent the ruinous condition of the lodging near to the grammar school, and hazard the schollars and inhabitants are in of the doun falling thereof, they appoint

Ruinous house at the grammar school.

the baillie of the quarter, and in his absence any of the rest of the baillies, dean of guild, and conveiner, to call ane measoone or two and sight the condition of the said ruinous house, and furthwith to order what parts thereof they judge fitte to be taken doune for preventing hazard that may be occasioned by the doun falling thereof. And lykewayes recommends to the said committee and baillies of the respective quarters to putt ane act formerly made, anent building about and covering the wells in this burgh and territories thereof, to due and punctuall execution for preventing hazard thereby.

Wells.

Address anent the peace.

Appoints ane addresse from the magistrats and councill to her Majestie anent the peace in prospect to be draune up betwixt and presented to the councill upon Saturday nixt in order to be signed by them.

20 *December* 1712.

Address to her Majestie.

James Christy, late provost, presented ane forme of ane addresse from the magistrats and councill to the Queens Majestie in relation to the peace in prospect and other publick concerns, which the councill approved of and signed, and recommends to Henry Cunninghame, younger of Boquhan, their representative in parliament, to present the same to her Majestie.

8 *January* 1713.

King James shillings.

Appoints the conveiner to dispose upon the late King James shillings quhich are in baillie Leasks hands, at 7 s. per lib., and to hold count theirfor, being fourtie fyve pound weight.

21 *March* 1713.

Queens birthday.

Approves of a particular account of expences on the Queens birthday extending to sixtie pound fyve shilling tuo pennies.

12 *December* 1713.

Act previous to electing a clerk.

That it be expressly [provided] previous to the electing of a clerk, in place of the deceased James Finlaysone, that none in that office be allowed to sell ale or retaill any other liquors, as agreeable to the former practise of this burgh, and so in all time coming. And the council shall appoint the same to be extended in full length.

Election James Nicoll, clerk.

The council, after proceeding to the election of ane clerk, by great plurality of votes nominated and elected James Nicoll, writer in the said burgh, to be

their clerk till Michaelmass nixt, who being called and compearing personally gave his oath *de fideli* and qualified in the said station by swearing the alledgeance to her Majestie and subscribing the samen with the assurance according to law.

Election James Nicoll, clerk.

30 *January* 1714.

The councill [had] application made to them be the conveiner and deacons of the incorporat trades within this burgh, for themselves and in names of their severall incorporations and other inhabitants within this burgh, showing that the most parte of the inhabitants are not furnished with armes, albeit they payed three pound to the burgh for a gun at their several entries as burgesses, and so [are] unprepared for any service they may be called to by the Queens Majestie and her government; which being read in presence of and considered by the councill, and that the inhabitants for the most parte are destitute of armes when they are called to keep guard, they appoint the toun treasurer to furnish and buy ane hundered stands of good and sufficient armes for the service of the inhabitants of this burgh, that they may be the better and more fittly accutred for keeping publick guard and watching within the same when called from tyme to tyme thereto, and lykewayes appoints the treasurer to buy three score baggonetts and ammunition necessar conforme thereto.

Treasurer to provyde armes and ammunitione.

The councill, for the better preservatione of this burgh by exact keeping of publick guard and watching therein, appoint the magistrats, dean of guild, and conveiner, to appoint under each of them ane lievtennant and ensigne; and the magistrats, and officers to be named by them, each of them to keep guard nightly *per vices;* and that twenty four men be each night appointed thereupon, and that the heads of families attend and keep guard by turns without exemption, except upon reasonable ground of excuse shoune to and sustained by the captain of the guard for the tyme.

Act anent keeping of guard.

9 *February* 1714.

The magistrats and council of the said burgh being conveened, the following declaration to the effect underwritten was by some of their number presented in council and craved to be insert, and that the samen might by act of council be appointed to be subscribed by the magistrats and town council of this burgh and the common seal thereof to be appended thereto, which being considered by the magistrats and council they appoint the said

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declaration to be insert, and which is as follows: We, the provost, bailies, and town council of the burgh of Sterling, herto subscribing, do hereby testifie and declare that the common and ordinar practice of this burgh during these many years by past in granting commissions to the representatives either in parliament, the convention of royal burghs, or at the meeting of the commissioners of this and the other four royal borrows therto adjoined for electing their representatives in parliament, hath been that after voting the commissioner or representative of this burgh in the town council of the same, and therby making election and passing the same into ane act of council, the town clerk of this said burgh, in name and at command of the magistrats and town council therof, extended, sealled, and signed the saids commissions from time to time, albeit the common stile and strain therof run in the names of the magistrats and town council as subscribing thereto. . . .

Therafter the forsaid declaration and desire therupon was dropt, and in place therof the former acts of council commissionating representatives for this burgh to parliaments or conventions of burrows appointed to be extracted and signed by the clerk of the samen, and the common seall of this burgh to be therto appended.

27 *February* 1714.

Stationer admitted burgess.

Receives and admittes John Hyndschaw, stationer, to the liberty and-freedome of ane burgess and nighboure of this burgh, and that gratis for his encouragement.

Toun wall.

Appoints the treasurer to call workmen and sight the toun wall and make report anent the condition therof nixt council day.

13 *March* 1714.

Weavers; declyning the justices of peace.

The councill considering that the petition given in to the justices of peace by some countrie weavers against the weavers within this burgh, craving they may be allowed to buy yairn in the mercat of this burgh each mercat day at any tyme before as well as after ten aclock befoirnoon, tends directly to the subverting of the right and priviledge granted to the weavers of this burgh be the magistrats and toune councill thereof, as having the undoubted right and priviledge of regulating the same and concerns thereof, and that if the same should be proceided in be the justices it will be ane incroachment on the right and priviledge of the magistrats and toune councill of this burgh,

as well as upon their acts and concessions made in favoures of the tounes weavers; therefore they unanimously adhere to the declinatour already entered be the tounes weavers in the said affaire, and nominat the magistrats, dean of gild, and conveiner, or any two of them, commissioners from the councill in their names, at the meeting of the said justices, Tuesday nixt, to declyne them as competent judges to proceid, meddle, cognosce, or determine in the forsaid matter, upon the grounds contained in the declinatour allready given in or others that may be thought fitt, and to protest against their proceiding farder therein, and to take ane instrument thereupon, and doe what else may be necessar thereanent.

Weavers; declyning the justices of peace.

Recommends to the dean of gild, conveiner, and clerk, to look out the tounes charters and consider how far the touns right and priviledges extend theirby.

Tounes charters.

The councill recommends to the magistrats, dean of gild, and conveiner, to meet and advyse with any persons they shall think fitt, what method will be most propper for making Cambuskenneth loft, now belonging to the burgh, ane conveinent place or seat for accommodating the magistrats and toune councill in the church.

Recommendation anent Cambuskenneth loft.

27 *March* 1714.

Appoints the toune treasurer to pay to James Nicoll, clerk, twentie four pound Scots, and to his servants six pound, for his pains in transcribing the tounes charter and severall other extraordinare affaires of the burgh.

Transcribing charter.

Receives and admittes John Allan, sword slipper in Doune, to the libertie and freedome of ane nighboure and burgess of this burgh, and that gratis, there being none of his imployment in the place to serve the same.

Sword slipper admitted burges.

28 *August* 1714.

The councill approves of ane particulare accompt spent in baillie Burds the sixt and elleavint instant upon proclaiming the King and making collonell Dalrymple burgess, extending to twelve pound eightein shilling Scots.

Proclaiming the King.

It was moved that ane schem of ane addresse to his Majestie should be draune up by such as the councill shall appoint and laid before the councill nixt dyet thereof, which the councill approved of, and recommends to the provost, and any of the councill he shall think fitte to call, to draw up ane forme of the said addresse and present it to the councill to be considered by them first councill day.

Overture for drawing up ane addresse and appointment thereanent.

11 *September* 1714.

Tradesmen qualifyed.

The magistrates and councill of the said burgh being conveened, William Leask, baillie, made report that James Grahame, [and thirty seven others,] burgesses of this burgh, had qualifyed according to law by swearing the alleageance to his Majestie King George and signing the samen with the assurance, being administrate by the said baillie Leask to them upon the fourth instant.

Coat furnished, to the violner.

Appoints the toun treasurer to pay out fourtein pound three shilling Scots for a coat furnished to Hector M'Lean, violner, and declare they will not hereafter give any such allowance, less or more, to any violner upon pretence of being touns violner, or upon any other account quhatsomever, without ane speciall act of councill previous to the furnishing for doing thereof.

14 *September* 1714.

Disbursements after Queens death.

Approve of ane particular accompt of twenty pound four shilling payed out by the treasurer of extraordinary deburcements after the Queens death.

Clerk qualified.

James Nicoll, town clerk of the said burgh, qualified according to law by swearing the alleageance to his Majestie King George and subscribing the same with the assurance, being administrat to him by James Christy, provost.

Magistrats and councill qualified.

Therafter the haill magistrats and town council of the said burgh, except dean of gild Stivenson, collonell Erskin, and Clerk Don, who were absent, were qualified to his Majesty King George according to law by swearing the alleageance and subscribing the same with the assurance, being administrat to them by the said clerk before they proceeded upon or in relation to the election for the ensuing year.

Approving ane address to his Majesty.

Pursuant to a former act, provost Christy presented in council the form of ane address by the magistrats and town council of this burgh, representing the community therof, to his Majesty King George, congratulating his accession to the throne and happy arival in his Majesties dominions; which being publickly read in council they unanimously approve therof, and appoint the clerk to cause transcribe the same in order to be signed by the saids magistrats and council.

21 *September* 1714.

Act for signing the addresse.

The addresse formerly presented in councill was laid extended before the councill and signed by them, and appointed to be transmitted by the magistrats

to Mr. Cunninghame of Boquhan, their representative in parliament, to be by him presented to his sacred Majesty. Act for signing the addresse.

18 *December* 1714.

Appoints the yearly proclamations of the weekly mercats of this burgh to be recorded in the council book and which are as follows:— Proclamations of weekly mercats.

PROCLAMATION OF THE FLESH MERCAT.

We command and charge, in our Soverane Lords name and authority, and in name and behalf of the provost and baillies of this burgh, that no flesher, neither to burgh nor land, haunting this mercat, presume or take upon hand from this time furth to present or sell any blown flesh, either mutton or vaill, either in open mercat or in boothes, under the pain of confiscation therof and putting the same to the cross and distributing it to the poor; and that no wind be found in any of their flesh, either by blowing or any other kind of engine or instrument, under the pain forsaid. Flesh mercat.

Item, that no flesh be putt to the mercat wanting the hyde, skinn, head, feet, and tallow, under the pain of five pound ilk falyie, unforgiven.

Item, that no outland nor unfree man presume nor take upon hand to buy any hides in this burgh on the Thursdays at eiven, or on the mercat day, being Friday, till two hours in the afternoon, nor yet any fleshers nor others sell or putt the same to be sold in the mercat, booths, or houses, till the said hour, under the pain of five pounds ilk person falying, and that no towns flesher shall make bargan for or sell any hides to unfree men or others before the beast be killed, nor yet that they presume to buy any hides from unfree men nor yet receive the same from them to be sold to others, under the pain of ten pound Scots, *toties quoties.*

Item, that no flesh be spoiled nor slotted in the craig nor no other part, nor collops taken off it, under the pain foirsaid.

Item, that no fleshers take any tarleathers off their hides, nor make slitts or holes in the skinn or hide when they take off the same, ilk tarleather under the pain of fourty shilling, and ilk slitt or hole under the pain of tuenty shilling, unforgiven.

Item, that no landward flesher in time coming bring in to the mercat to be sold any kine above the age of four years to be sold for hudderon, and that

Flesh mercat. all such kine, hudderons, and calf vealls brought in to be sold, have their heads and skinns brought in with them uncutt off till they come to the mercat place; and that no ewe be brought in to be sold by landward fleshers or killed by the toun flesher from the first of January to Whitsunday yearly, and that none of them kill or sell any bull or toop from Michaelmas to Lambmas yearly, ilk person contraveening under the pain of five pound and confiscation of the saids beasts.

Item, that no landward flesher take the skins of the kidds brought by them to the mercat and sell them for lambs, nor cutt their sheep in the shoulders, taill, nor heads, but score them as the town fleshers do.

Item, that no landward flesher take their flesh off the mercat place to be sold in any other place of the town.

Item, that no flesher, nor other nighbours in the Backrow, toom their draughts or shairn in any part of the Backrow, either on the streets or house sides from this furth, nor yet in any closs or passages in the Backrow or other places of the town except the backsides, and that every nighbour in the Backrow remove their middins off the mercat place, streets, and doors, and keep the same clean of all filth and fulyie in time coming, ilk person contraveening under the pain of five pounds, unforgiven, and warding of all persons during the magistrats will.

Proclamation of the Meall Mercat.

Meall mercat. I command and charge that no meall makers nor others presume nor take upon hand to put sundrey sorts of meall in one sack, and that the meall to be presented to the mercat be clean sifted and the seeds taken therefrom, under the pain of five pound.

Item, that this day and in time coming all corn, meall, bear, pease, and beans, be brought to the meall mercat, and the sack of meall, pease, beans, and malt, pay for their own setting twelve pennies for each sack attour the former dues to the peck and ladle.

Item, that the malt brought in to this burgh by strangers be brought to the mercat on Wednesday and Friday, the ordinar mercat days, and to pay for their downsetting twenty pennies each six firlots attour the former dues.

Item, that the corn mercat begin at nine hours in the morning, and of all other grains at tuelve hours.

PROCLAMATION FOR THE CROSS.

I command and charge that no sort of vivers, neither fish, butter, cheese, fowls, nor no other vivers, be forstallen nor cowped before ten hours every mercat day, under the pain of five pounds and punishment of their persons at the magistrats will. Proclamation for the cross.

Item, that all butter and cheese be weighted at the troan, and at no other part in defraud of the custom, under the pain of fourty shilling for the falyie ilk person, unforgiven.

Item, that no inhabitants in the town or outland person buy any butter or cheese to retaill again either upon the Thursdays at eiven nor upon the mercat days, being Friday, till ten hours, ilk person under the pain of five pound so oft as they shall transgress.

Item, that no huckster, cadger, or retailler, buy any fishes taken in the towns water while once the fish be brought to the mercat place and ly there unsold for tuo hours under the pain of five pound ilk person, so oft as they transgress, by and attour confiscation of the forsaid fish.

Appoints the toun treasurer to give to Archibald Moir, jayler of this burgh, fourtein pound Scots, for his expense in furnishing candle to the prisoners of this burgh at extraordinare occasions during these four years by past. 14 lib. Scots to the jayler.

29 *January* 1715.

Appoints the treasurer to give to John Chalmers and James Stivenson, carriers, equally betwixt them, three pound Scots, to John Rid two pound eight shilling, and to Thomas Fairlie two pound eight shilling Scots, for their extraordinare service with horse and carts in carrying the baggadge of Generall Hills regiment from this to Linlithgow and Kilsyth. 13 s. sterling to the carriers for extraordinares.

19 *March* 1715.

The members of councill considering that, by ane advertisement in the Scots Courant, all concerned in the manufactorie of course wool are invited by the lords and others commissioners of police to give in their proposals to the clerk of the said commission, betwixt and the 15 Aprile nixt, anent the distributing of the fourteen thousand pound appointed by the 15 article of the Union to be bestowed for the encouradgement and promoting the manu- Anent ane manufactury for course wool.

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factury of the course wool within the shires in North Britain, and that there is ane great parte of course wool consumed and manufactured within this burgh and shire, they recommend to the provost to write to Badindalloch for information of what method is propper to be taken by this burgh for procuring ane share of the forsaid soum for erecting and carrying on ane manufactury of course woole within this burgh.

26 *March* 1715.

Nomination of Tulliebodie advocat for the burgh.

The provost, baillies, and toune councill of the said burgh, considering that for severall years by past they have had no particulare advocat appointed for this burgh, and that the want of such to advert to their commone concerns may be prejudicial to the tounes interest, and lykewayes considering that Mr. Alexander Abercrombie of Tulliebodie, advocat, has been most serviceable to severals in the burgh in particulare, and to some of the incorporations therein and the burgh in generall, they unanimously nominat and appoint the said Alexander Abercrombie advocat in ordinarie for the said burgh during the councills pleasure, and allowes him the ordinare sallarie payed be the burgh for the lyke service, being fyve pound starling to himself, ane croun to his first, and half ane croun to his second men, yearly, and declares the same to commence from Candlemasse last by past.

21 *May* 1715.

Lending 1000 merks to captain Douglasse and others.

The magistrates and council approve of the treasurer his lending one thousand merks to captain John Douglasse, Sir George Hoom, captain, captain James Ogilvie, captain Mungo Mathie, and leivtennant Robert Patersone, of the royall regiment of North Brittish Fuzileers, for the use of the said regiment, and taking their accepted bill conjunctlie and severallie therefore, payable on demand, with annualrent thereafter whill payment to the said treasurer or order for behoove of the said burgh.

19 *July* 1715.

Accompt of spendings on Kings birth day.

Approves of a particulare accompt of publick spendings for the burgh in baillie Burdes, and of liquors gott therefrom to the councill house and crosse upon the Kings birth day, from 22 March to 28 May both last inclusive, extending to 100 pound 7 shilling 10 pennies Scots.

30 *July* 1715.

Approve of an accompt of 57 pound 6 shilling debursed by the toune treasurer for a treat to the lords of justiciarie, twentieth of May last. **Treat to lords of justiciarie.**

Approves of James Burn, toun treasurer, his borrowing for the use of the said burgh from collonell Murray of the Scots Fusileers of ten firelocks, ten patrontashes, and ten balgonets with their scabbards, and granting his receipt therefor for redelivery in as sufficient condition as received, on demand. **Borrowing of armes.**

The councill unanimously resolve, in testimonie of their sincere affection to his Majestie and government, to addresse his Majestie on this juncture as a farder evidence of their loyalty, and recommends to the magistrats to draw up ane scheme thereof and to present it Tuesday nixt to the councill for considering and signing thereof. **Act for addressing his Majestie.**

1 *August* 1715.

The provost, baillies, and town councill of the said burgh being conveened, the provost in pursuance of ane act of the last dyet of councill presented the sheme of ane adress by the magistrats and town councill of this burgh to his Majestie, which after reading the councill approved of and appoint to be signed and transmitted to the laird of Buchquhane, younger, commissioner to the parliament for this burgh and the other burghs thereto adjoined, to be presented by their said commissioner to his Majestie. **Act approving of ane address.**

8 *August* 1715.

The provost, baillies, and councill of the said burgh being conveined, and considering the danger threatned to his sacred Majestie King George and his dominions by a forreigne invasion, and that it is indispensibly incumbent on all his Majesties good subjects to provide and secure against all such attempts, they appoint the whole fencible men within the burgh, betwixt sixtie and sixtine years of age, to be warned to repaire to the Valley to morrow against nyne aclock foirnoon, that it may be considered who are sufficiently provided in armes and who not, that they may be furnished therewith; and in regaird the armes belonging to the burgh will not be sufficient for provyding these unarmed, they authorise and impower James Burn, toun treasurer, to borrow for the use of the said burgh ane hundered stand of armes from Major Holburn of Sterling Castle, and to grant him receipt and oblidgement therefor to redeliver them on demand in as good case and condition as they be received, which the councill declair to be as valid as if it were granted by them. **Conveining inhabitants; borrowing 100 stand arms.**

Act anent signing ane association.

The saids provost, baillies, and toun councill, unanimously signed ane association or concert be them, the merchands, tradesmen, and other inhabitants, oblidging them to stand in defence of his Majesties person and government against the designed invasion and all other attempts thereagainst for subverting the rights and liberties, sacred and civil, of his Majesties subjects, by enemies forreign or domestick, and recommend to the magistrats to gett the same signed be the merchands, tradesmen, and other inhabitants.

13 *August* 1715.

Act and deposition of John Wright.

John Wright, servitor to Clerk Don, being conveined before the councill for fyring of gunns or shooting last night within the burgh after elleavin aclock of the night, when the garrisons both in the toun and castle and guards thereof were sett and their taptows beat, whereby both garrisons were alarmed and disquieted, the said John Wright judiciallie acknouledged he fyred one shot when he was walking his masters yaird and heard some people speaking at the foot thereof, challenged them who they were and that they did not answer; and the said John being sworne and examined if he fyred any more shots tyme foresaid then one, or knew who did the same, he deponed he shot two shots and no more, and that he knows not who fyred the rest of the shots; and this is the truth as he shall answer to God.

The councill continues against him till the nixt dyet of councill, Munday nixt at two aclock afternoon, and ordains Wright to attend the councill that dyet to receive his sentence, for which end he was warned at the councill table.

10 *September* 1715.

12 lib. to the toun officers.

Appoints the toune treasurer to give to the toune officers twelve pound Scots equally amongst them for their extrordinare trouble of late in the publick service of this burgh.

13 *September* 1715.

Act anent Lochaber axes.

Approve of the town treasurers providing the burgh in twenty Lochaber axes from John Stivenson, hammerman, and appoints him to pay to the said John Stivenson fourtie pound Scots theirfore, being two pound money forsaid per piece; as also they appoint the said treasurer to pay to John Christy eight pound for the shafts furnished by him to the saids Lochaber axes, being eight shilling per piece.

The magistrats and council having considered the petition given in to them by John Lowry, late conveener and quartermaster of this burgh, with the extraordinar occasions of quartering that have been within this burgh since Michaelmas last, and great pains and trouble the petitioner has been put to thereby, they grant and allow him ten pound starling of sallary for the said years service as quartermaster, and appoints the treasurer to pay him the same, but declares it shall be no preparative for the future.

£10 stg. to conveener Lowry as quarter-master.

Receives and admits John Henieman, hattmaker, to the liberty and freedom of ane nighbour and burges of this burgh during his life and that gratis.

Hatmaker admitted burgess.

24 *September* 1715.

The saids provost, baillies, and councill, approve of the particular accompts payed out by the treasurer for publick work and service to the said burgh as follows, viz.:—of one of 11 pound 12 shilling for dressing of arms and other-ways, and of another of 3 pound 8 shilling payed out to Adam M'Arthur for dressing the guns and other arms of the burgh, mending, and furnishing several necessars to the same.

Act approving accompts of particular work.

Allowes conveiner Laurie twelve pound Scots for his pains and expense in keeping clean and oyling the touns armes, being nyntie stand, since Michaelmasse last to this date.

Keeping clean the touns armes.

7 *November* 1715.

Appoints the toun treasurer to give to the toune officers equally amongst them eight pound Scots for their extrordinary pains and running of late about publick service.

8 lib. to toun officers.

Allowes John Millar, dryster at the bridge, half ane croun weekly for the tyme he has attended at the said bridge to give accompt to the guard of the persons that goe out and come in thereat, and also weekly hereafter while he continues so to doe by the magistrats order.

Watch at the bridge.

Allowes John M'Feat, chopman, two pound two shilling Scots weekly, for the space he has attended and shall attend at the Dript coble by the magistrats order, for giveing accompt to the guard keept thereat of the persons ferried at the said coble.

Watch at the Dript coble.

4 *February* 1716.

The magistrats and toune councill of the said burgh being conveined,

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they approve of the toune treasurer his furnishing by order of some of the magistrats, in complyance with his grace the duke of Argyle his order, three pound eight shilling Scots for maintenance of thirty four of the rebells taken prisoners at Tulliebarden and sent in to the tolbooth of this burgh, and that daylie from the second of Febreuarie instant, and appoints the treasurer to advance the lyke for their maintenance daylie hereafter till otherwayes ordered by the councill, and recommends to the provost and baillies to use their endeavoures upon his graces returne for repayment thereof.

25 *February* 1716.

30 s. starling to jaylor for extrordinare service.

The councill appoint the toune treasurer to give to Archibald Moir, jaylor of the burgh, thirtie shillings starling for his extrordinare pains and charge in attending the prisoners that were incarcerat in the tolbooth by the government since beginning of September last, cleaning the prisones, serving the prisoners, and furnishing ane servant to his assistance for the better doing thereof, and which is to be in full for his extrordinaries to the first of March nixt, the jaylor having received no jaylor fial from these prisoners.

The burghs extrordinare charge of late.

The councill considering the extrordinare charge this burgh has been putt to since the beginning of August last that the late commotions commenced, they recommend to the magistrats, dean of gild, conveiner, and treasurer, to meet and draw ane state thereof and to call such as they please to their assistance, and to make report thereof nixt councill day, that propper measures may be taken for recovering thereof from the government.

Act for addressing his Majestie.

The councill considering the happie success of his Majesties forces against the rebells, they judge it their humble duty to addresse his Majestie on account thereof, and recommend to the magistrats and dean of gild to draw ane scheme of the addresse and lay it before the councill nixt dyet of their meeting.

24 *March* 1716.

Act quiting 850 merks to tacksman of customs.

The provost, baillies, and toun councill of the said burgh being conveined, and having considered the extrordinare diminition of the customes of the bridge from Lambmasse to Martimasse last occasioned through the late troubles, and lykewayes the losse sustained of the customes at the Borrows port, they in consideration thereof quitt and give doune to William Cowan, principall tacksman of the touns customes for last year, fyve hundered pounds

28 *July* 1716.

Act for strict execution of law against disorderly marriadges.

The magistrats and town councill of the said burgh being conveened, taking to their serious consideration that, notwithstanding of the good and wholsome laws and constitution of state and church in this kingdome, clandestine and irregular marriadges, as crimes of the most dangerous consequence, be strictly discharged and severly punishable, and particularly by the thirty fourth act, first session, first parliament, Charles the Second, it is amongst other things therin enacted that whoever marries in a clandestine unorderly way, or by persons not authorized by the church, shall be imprisoned for three moneths and besides shall pay, the nobleman one thousand pounds, the gentleman and burges five hundered pounds, and each other person one hundered merks, and that they remain in prison while they pay, and the fynes to be applyed to pious uses of the parioch where they dwell, that the celebrator be banished not to returne under the pain of death, and that such as are unable to pay be punished with stocks and irons, and that but prejudice of the churchis inflicting her censures upon the transgressors; and likewayes that by the twelvth act, fifth session of King William and Queen Maries first parliament, the prosecutione of clandestine marriadges is allowed to every procurator fiscal; and that by the sixth act, seventh session, said parliament, it is declared that the persons so married are oblidged when required to declare the names of the celebrator and witnesses under the pains following, viz., the nobleman two thousand pound, the landed gentleman two thousand merks, any other gentleman or burges one thousand pound, and any other person two hundred merks, and to be imprisoned till they so declare and pay; and it is also thereby declared that the celebrator may be summarly seized by any magistrate or justice of peace, and is punishable not only with banishment but by such pecunial or corporal pains as the council shall think fitt, and the witnesses are thereby lyable in the sum of one hundered pound *toties quoties* to be applyed for pious uses as above: Yet, notwithstanding of these excellent laws, by reason of the not punctual and exact execution thereof the foresaid haynous offence has greatly incressed and being frequently practised, and nowhere else more than in this place, to the great dishonour of God, scandle of our holy religion, and discredit of the place, seing by such marriadges the crying sin of bigamy much overspreads by severalls that stand married to others at the same time, there being in that disorderly way

married to other wives, as is of late too weell knowen in the place, which if not speedily prevented by the punctual execution of the foresaids laws will undoubtedly draw down the wrath and displeasure of a holy God upon the congregation where such wickednesses so much abound; and the saids magistrats and council being deeply weighted with a sense of and humbly greeved for these and other abominations in this place, do therefore and for averting the just displeasure of God that such offences threaten, and for the more effectual curbing of such sins for the future, by this their act firmly resolve and declare that on all occasions and in all time coming they will strictly exert their power and authority by the vigerous execution of the foresaids laws and acts against all persons offenders who transgress the same, of whatever quality or rank, without exception or exemption, and that no intreaty or influence for the least mitigation thereof shall take place or prevail with them to the contrair; and sincerly recomend to the minister of this burgh to intimate thir presents from the pulpit on ane Lords day immediatly after divine worship, that none may pretend ignorance of the same.

Act for strict execution of law against disorderly marriadges.

18 *August* 1716.

The magistrats and toun councill of the said burgh being conveined, and having received in ane complaint be baillie Martine and the procurator fiscall of the samen burgh against Patrick Gillespie, late baillie there, for ane indignitie and other abuse thereinmentioned done and offered be him yesternight to baillie Martine, on accompt whereof baillie Burd had committed the said baillie Gillespie to prison, after the councills having found the complaint relevant and taken probation thereon as marked on the back thereof, the said magistrats and councill approved of what the said baillie Burd had so done in the foresaid affaire, and found that the said baillie Burd had not malversed in his office thereby, and that baillie Martine by his informing baillie Burd of the indignity and craving that baillie Gillespy might be secured therefore, and baillie Burds imprisoning him till he answered therefore, were neither of them wrong steps of procedure [and resolved to defend them if they were prosecuted therefor]. Thereafter the magistrats and councill having considered the forsaid complaint and probation adduced thereon, with the said baillie Gillespie his misdemanour in face of councill by saying to baillie Martine he needed moe brains, and the said baillie Gillespie his judicial

Process, Baillie Martine against Baillie Patrick Gillespy.

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acknouledging that there was no need of taking any testimonies, for he acknowledged what Mr. Stivenson (a witness) had declared and that he could say more than any witness could say in that matter, they by a great plurality find it thereby sufficiently instructed that the said Patrick Gillespie has been guilty of ane indignity done by him to baillie Martine, a present magistrat, and therefor they fyne the said Patrick Gillespie in fyftie pound Scots for the indignity, and ordain him to acknouledge his fault thereby before the councill and to remain in ward till he so satisfie and performe.

1 *September* 1716.

36 lib. to Robert Stirling for guard keept at his house.

The magistrates and councill considering that for five or six moneths before, during, and after winter last, while his Majesties forces lay encamped and quartered in and about this burgh, the guard keept at the bridge of the same was partly held or keept in the dwelling house of Robert Stirling, dyster in the said burgh, at least the officers of said guard still tarryed therein, whereby his house was wholly taken up and he and his family deprived of any advantage they might have made thereof, in consideration and on account whereof they appoint the vice town treasurer of the said burgh to pay to the said Robert Stirling thirty six pound Scots.

Furnishing horses to the prisoners.

Appoints the said vice treasurer to provide sixteen sadle horses and four baggage horses against Munday nixt, the third currant, for transporting some of the prisoners in Stirling castle from this burgh to Killsyth, and to pay for the saids saddle and baggage horses for the space or length forsaid.

10 *September* 1716.

Furnishing medecines to the poor who are sick.

The councill considering the present callamity of this place by the great sickness therein, and that severall of the poorer sort of the inhabitants suffer exceedingly thereby through want of means to obtain propper remeadies for their malladies, and that the phisicians in this burgh have freely offered their service gratis to such if there were any way laid down for furnishing of medcines therefore, and for using the means for preventing the further grouth of the present raging sickness in this burgh, the saids magistrates and councill recomend to the elders of the kirk session to take up ane exact list of the sick persones in their severall quarters who have not means of their own to procure propper medecines for their recovery, and to lay the said list before the councill, and appoints baillie Chrystie, chyrurgeon, to furnish what

medecines the phisicians shall prescribe or direct from time to time to be given to the said poorer sort, till it please God of his infinite mercy and by his blessing the means to putt a stop to the present sickness; and the councill declare they will pay the said baillie Christy the equall half of the ordinar rates of what medecines beis so furnished by him; and recomend to the minister and elders of the kirk session of this burgh to appoint payment to the said baillie Christy of the other half thereof.

Furnishing medecines to the poor who are sick.

The council considering the extraordinar pains and trouble which James Nicoll, town clerk, has been at and putt to since Michaelmass last, on publick accounts of this burgh and relating to the common concerns thereof during the late troubles, in writing frequently missives, orders, and others for this burgh in relation thereto, and likewayes in the severall procedures of this burgh anent the calling of Mr. Willeson, they allow him sixty pound Scots and his servants nine pound for their said extraordinar pains.

Allowances to the clerk and his servants.

15 *September* 1716.

The magistrats and council considering the extraordinar quantity of malt that was consumed in this burgh and obliged to be laboured by the farmer of the towns milns thereof since Martinmas last, occasioned through the great number of forces that lay quartered in this burgh during the late troubles, and likewise that by reason of the excessive frost for severall months after the beginning of November last and long and vehement drowth that succeeded the same, there was little or no water for serving the towns milns, whereby Alexander Burd, baillie, present farmer thereof, was necessitat for serving the burgh to send the most part of the malt consumed therein said space to the kersemilns of Polmais to be laboured thereat, and to pay considerably therefore, besides his expense of horses and servants to and from the saids milns therewith, whereby the said baillie Burd was putt to most considerable charge and great trouble and farder considering that by reason of the forsaid storm and succeeding drowth, and that the oats that used to be laboured at the towns milns were in great measure bought up for service of the horses in the army, whereby the said farmer was deprived of his multur thereof, so that he made not one peck of multur meall since Martinmass last, albeit in former years the farmer used to make sixteen or eighteen bolls yearly thereof; and in like manner taking to their consideration the smallnes of the yearly allow-

£20 starling to baillie Burd for extraordinar service of the milns.

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ance the said farmer has for service forsaid, and that at Martinmas last he offered to resign and quite the service of the saids milns to the said council, and would have done the same had they not promised he should be no looser by the current years service, and that upon the faith thereof he continued to serve the saids milns and is to continue so to do till Martinmas nixt; therefore, and in consideration of his great loss and extream trouble since Martinmas last by reasons and in the service forsaid, the saids magistrats and council allow the said baillie Burd twenty pound starling attour his former yearly sallary or wages for serving the saids milns since Martinmas last to Martinmas nixt of extraordinar, and appoint the dean of gild and conveener to pay the same to him out of the converted multur; but declares this present act to be no preparative for herafter.

Act approving severall accompts.

Approves of fourty shillings sterling payed by the late thesaurer to John Letham, smith, for smith work done by him to the bridge in October and November last per particular accompt and receipt thereon, as also approves of another particular accompt of two hundered and fifteen pound eight shilling ten pennies Scots payed out by the late thesaurer to the towns men who went and kept guard at the castle of Down and otherways for the publick use of the burgh in manner therin sett down.

Act for 300 merks to the quarter-master.

The council considering the great and extraordinar trouble, pains, and fatigue which John Lowry, quartermaster of the said burgh, has been putt to and underwent in quartering the great number of forces that came to and were quartered in this burgh during the late troubles, which took up his whole time and deprived him of following any other business, therefore the saids magistrats and council do hereby grant and allow to the said John Lowry three hundred merks for his service as quartermaster forsaid from Michaelmas last to Michaelmas nixt.

Quartering Duke of Argylls *aid de camps.*

Approves of fifteen pound Scots payed by the late thesaurer to James Russal, late baillie, for quartering of Major Cathcart, ane of the Duke of Argylls *aid de camps,* for five weeks in winter last at the magistrats' desire and upon their promise to satisfy therefore; as also allows to Hary Christy, baillie, seventy two pound Scots for his furnishing Major Stuart, another of the said Dukes *aid de camps* with two rooms, bed, coall and candle, for the space of twenty weeks, before and during winter last, which the magistrats desired and promised to satisfy for.

Approves of ane particular accompt of sixty one pound twelve shilling Scots payed out by John Muirhead, late town thesaurer, at the treat given to the Duke of Argyll, and otherways in manner therin sett down. **Treat to duke of Argyll.**

Approves of a particular accompt of five pound two shilling Scots due to William Spittal, merchant, for raisens and almonds gott from him at the treat given the Duke of Montrose in August last, and appoints the vice thesaurer to pay the same. **Treat to duke of Montross.**

30*th October* 1716.

The council having considered the supplication given in to them by John Skelly, taxman of the meall mercat since Martinmas last, representing the loss he sustained as taxman forsaid by the forces quartered in the place in winter last and part of the spring, their taking up the meall mercat wholly for the space of four months or thereby for use of their picket guard, horses, and otherways, wherby the petitioner was deprived of a great part of the dues and benefit of the said meall mercat space forsaid which he would have made had he gott the use and benefit thereof as formerly, they find that by the reasons represented (which consist with their knowledge), occasioned through the publick calamity by the late rebellion, the petitioner was ane looser, and therefore allow him three score pound Scots in liew and full of his loss and expenses. **£60 quitt of tack duty of meall mercat.**

10 *November* 1716.

Appoints baillie Patrick Gillespie, who is going for Edinburgh nixt week, to buy ane steel miln for grinding of malt for service of this burgh and deliver the same to the town treasurer, who is to satisfy him what he shall pay therefore and the expense of bringing home thereof. **Buying a steel miln.**

Approves of ane accompt of work done by David and James Napiers, measons, and their borrowmen, in repairing the holes made in the tolbooth by the prisoners, extending to four pound six shilling eight pennies. **Repairs on tolbooth.**

22 *December* 1716.

The magistrats and town councill considering the vaccancy of the second minister of this burgh by the decease of the reverend Mr. Robert M'Caulay, their late worthy pastor, and that it is absolutly necessar the samen should be speedily supplyed, and being unanimously inclined to call the reverend **Call to Mr. Woodrow.**

Call to Mr. Woodrow.

Mr. Robert Woodrow, minister of the gospell at Eastwood, to supply the said vacancy, they appoint Alexander Burd, dean of gild, [and three others], to correspond with the first minister and members of the kirk session of the samen, and take their sentiments thereon and report to the councill next dyet.[1]

10 *January* 1717.

Repair of Marrs house.

Approves of ane particular accompt of fifty one pound Scots due to James Watson, merchant, for sixty dealls and some trees furnished by him for behove of the burgh for repairing of Marrs house to lodge the souldiers, upon provost Erskins missive.

Lending towns charter to defend against Craigforth.

Appoints the dean of gild and conveener to give out to James Paterson, wryter in Sterling, the towns charter *de novodamus* and seasin thereon, and bond or obligation by my Lord Elphinston to this burgh in relation to their fishing on the water of Forth, for defence of Craigforths criminal process against James and John Patersons, portioners of Corntoun, fishers of ane of the towns fishing cobles.

31 *January* 1717.

Burgess dues quit; rebellion.

Receives and admits William Wilson, indweller in the said burgh, to the liberty and freedom of ane nighbour and burges thereof, and his entry being twenty four pound Scots they unanimously quite the samen in respect of the loss of his horse, which was lost and ordered out by the magistrats for his Majesties service during the late rebellion.

Writing to Craigforth anent the fishing.

The council having under their consideration ane letter written to them by the provost, Tillibody their advocat, and Badindalloch their agent, they, for preventing of any farder trouble or debate in the affair betwixt the laird of Craigforth and this burgh in relation to their respective interests of fishing upon the water of Forth, authorize and impower the magistrats to write to Craigforth and require his answer if he adheres to the comuning and concert past betwixt him and the provost thereanent, and signify the same by writ under his hand conform to the copie therof now shown to the council, and to report his answer thereanent to the council nixt dyet therof that they may take measures according therto and as beis proper in the affair.

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[1] From subsequent minutes it is found that all parties interested "cordially consented" to a call being given to Mr. Woodrow. The usual procedure for carrying this into effect followed; but the well-known pastor of Eastwood could not be induced to leave his charge.

13 *April* 1717.

Appoints ane fisher court of this burgh to be held on the north side of the water of Forth at the cruives of Craigforth on Tuesday nixt come eight dayes, the twenty third current by eleven aclock foirnoon.

Fisher court.

4 *May* 1717.

The magistrats and council of the said burgh being conveened, and taking to their serious consideration the indignity and abuse offered and done to some of the present magistrats and others of the burgesses and inhabitants of this burgh last night by some of the officers of colonell Montagues regiment, and the growndless disturbance which they occasioned by beating ane alarm after the tatoe had been beat, whereby severals of the inhabitants were frighted and the place putt in great disorder and confusion, they judge it proper that on the above and other grownds the magistrats apply to the justices of peace of the shire, that they may be pleased to appoint a dyet for receiving affidavits upon the matters of fact, to the effect the same may be laid before his excellence lieutenant general Carpenter, that proper satisfaction may be made and such orders given as his excellence shall think fitt for preventing such trouble for the future.

Abuse committed upon magistrats by officers of Montagues regiment.

29 *May* 1717.

Receive and admit Robert Moir, sadler, to the liberty and freedom of a nighbour and burges of the said burgh, and in regaird of the great want of ane sufficient tradesman at present of the forsaid imploy therin, for the said intrant his encouragement quite him his entry payable to the said burgh, being twelve pound Scots.

A sadler admitted burgess gratis.

22 *July* 1717.

The councill considering the supplication given in to them by William Ferrier, horse hyrer, burges of this burgh, anent ane horse furnished by him about two years since by order of some of the then magistrates to ane officer of Hamiltouns regiment that was then going for Inverlochie, and that the said horse was drowned in a loch going thither, and that the petitioner as yet had never any reparation for said loss, they allow him twenty four pound Scots in lieu of the same, and of all others he might any wayes ask or pretend to from this burgh on account forsaid or for any other such or like causes, hyres, or others, preceding this date.

£24 to a horse hyrer in full of all proceedings.

28 *August* 1717.

Accompts in setting up the cockstool.

Approves of the particular accompts following, viz., of twelve pound eight shilling Scots payed out by Michael Downie, late vice town treasurer, to David Fergusson, wright, for workmanship and scaffolding to the cockstooll, setting it up, and for some dealls, single trees, and naills thereto, per said accompt and receipt theron; and of three pound two shilling paid by said late vice treasurer to John Bell, hammerman, for iron work to the said cockstooll and otherwayes on publict accompt, per particular accompt and receipt; and allows to John Mathieson ten pound Scots of his accompt of eleven pound sixteen shilling charged for materialls and pains in culloring the said cockstooll.

14 *September* 1717.

Accompts at circuit and on Kings birthday.

The councill approves of a particular accompt of the expence of the treat given to the lords of justiciary at their circuit in this burgh in May last, extending to 45 pound 10 shilling Scots; and of another particular accompt of the publick expence of this burgh at the solemnity of his Majesties birth day, twenty eighth May last, extending to 101 pound 6 shilling Scots.

16 *September* 1717.

£4 Scots to Mrs. Littlejohn for use of stable.

The councill having considered the petition given in to them by Janet Anderson, relict of John Littlejohn, late conveener, they find that during the late troubles her stable was taken from her by some of the magistrates or others in authority, and given to accomodate horses belonging to one of the officers of the army, and detained for a considerable time to her loss and prejudice, and therfore allow her four pound Scots in full thereof.

5 *October* 1717.

Voluntar collection for propagating the christian knowledge.

The magistrats and toune councill of the said burgh being conveined, and taking to their serious consideration that the inhabitants of this burgh have not hitherto given in any voluntar contribution for the use of the publick fund allowed to be collected for propogating the christian knowledge in the more remote partes of this kingdome, they appoint ane voluntar collection from the inhabitants of this burgh towards advancing the said pious designe to be taken upon any of the dayes of the ensuing week, and recommends to the magistrats, with any they shall thinke fitte to chuse, to goe through their severall quarters

and collect to the end forsaid upon any of the dayes of the nixt week, and also recommends to Mr. Brisbane, minister, to make intimation thereof from the pulpit tomorrow after the foirnoons sermon.

Voluntar collection for propagating the christian knowledge.

4 *November* 1717.

James Nicoll, toune clerk, gave in to the toun councill ane principall disposition be the earle of Mar to the provost, baillies, etc., of Sterling, of the patronadge of the kirk thereof, subscrybed the third of December j^{m}vj^{c} seventy and seven years, which after reading in councill was delivered up in face thereof to David Gillespie, present dean of gild, to be putt up by him and the conveiner in the boal or ambrie in the old councill house.

Delivery of disposition of the patronadge.

22 *April* 1718.

The dean of gild represented that the deacon of the glovers, for himself and in the names of the remanent members of the said trade, having represented to the gildrie that the cordiners incroatched upon the joint priviledge of the gildrie and glovers by buying of calf skinns within this burgh contrair to acts of councill, acts and agreement of the conveener and deacons, and ane act of gildrie and ratification thereof by the conveiner and deacons new and old in anno j^{m}vj^{c} and nyntie, and that the present conveiner and some of his deacons had lately past ane act of their court allowing the cordiners so to doe notwithstanding of their former acts, and craved the gildrie might take effectual methods for preventing the lyke incroatchments for the future, the gildrie had recommended to the dean of gild to lay the same before the toune councill that they might take effectual methods for quelling the heats arisen therefrom, punishing the incroatchers on the gildrie and glovers joint priviledge in the forsaid matter, and preventing further incroatchments of the lyke nature in tyme coming; and the magistrats and toune councill having heard the glovers act and approbation or ratification in anno j^{m}vj^{c} and nyntie be the then conveener and deacons read, and seen several other acts in favours of the glovers in publick councill, and considered the same with the late act of the conveiner court to the contrair, they find for what produced, and unlesse the cordiners instruct ane farder and better right than the said late act of the conveiner court in their favours, they have no priviledge, libertie, or right to buy calf skinns within this burgh, but that the same is the joint and propper right and priviledge of the gild brethren and glovers, and therefor prohibit and discharge

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the cordiners within this burgh and ilke one of them to buy any calf skinns therein in tyme coming till they document a better right for doing thereof, and that under the pain of ten pound Scots to be forfeit and payed be ilke persone contraveening, *toties quoties*, attoure being otherwayes punished as the councill shall think fitte for contempt of their authoritie.

Cordiners and fleshers to produce their rights for exactions from unfriemen.

Appoints the deacon of the cordiners to produce and lay before the toun councill any rights they have for exacting the gate pennie and fourteen shilling Scots from each countrie cordiner for their being allowed to buy cows hydes in the mercat, and lykewayes the deacon of the fleshers to produce and lay before the councill any rights they have for exacting box money from the countrie fleshers, and that against Thursday nixt at ten aclock foirnoon, to the effect the councill may know how far the saids trades have right or power so to exact.

14 *June* 1718.

Repairing church bell.

The councill appoints James Wallace, town treasurer, to give to William Smith and Colline M'Lowry, hammermen, fourty pound Scots for their pains and expences by themselves and others they imployed in mounting and dismounting one of the church bells, boring thereof, and mounting of the tongue.

2 *August* 1718.

Mrs. Adison not to bake seed or plumb cakes for sale.

The councill considering that the priviledge of the baxters of this burgh has been incroached on by Mrs. Adison by baking seed and plumb cakes to funeralls and other occasions, therefor they prohibit and discharge her and all others within this burgh to bake any seed or plumb cakes for sale to any in this burgh or the countrie, except the baxters within this burgh, in any tyme coming, with certification to Mrs. Adison if she contravein she shall from thencefurth loose her sallarie allowed her by this burgh for keeping of ane school therein for the education of youth.

Ryding the fair.

Appoints the nixt fair of this burgh to be ridden in the usual manner, and appoints John Finlaysone, eldest son to the deceast James Finlaysone, merchand, to ryde as cornet.

Robert Russall appointed cornet.

Thereafter the dean of gild nominat Robert Russall, second son to James Russall, elder, merchand, to ryde the fair as cornet, in regaird John Finlaysone is residing at Edinburgh.

23 *August* 1718.

The provost, baillies, and town councill of the said burgh being conveened, it was represented to them by the reverend Mr. Birsbain and Mr. Muir, ministers, that it had been laid by severalls of the inhabitants before the kirk session that the inhabitants humblie judged their young children, as weell boyes as girles, were at extream loss as to their being taught English by reason of the old age of Andrew Matson, Scots doctor, and that the girles cannot be conveniently sent to the grammer school to learn their English, whereby they are for the most part foundered therein, and that the session had appointed the saids ministers and some of the elders to lay the same before the councill that they may have the same under their serious consideration and fall upon some expedient way for the more convenient and effectuall instructing and learning the youth, both boyes and girles, in reading English. The councill recomend to the provost, baillies, dean of gild, and conveener, to meet with the ministers and Mr. Thomas Darline, master of the grammer schooll, and consider what will be the most proper way for effectuating so good a design, and disjoining the Scots class from the grammer schooll with as litle prejudice to Mr. Darline, schoolmaster, as possible with respect to his dues out of the Scots class, and to cause trye out for a sufficient and fitt person for teaching English and to make report next councill day.

Overture and recomendation anent the Scots class.

28 *August* 1718.

The provost, baillies, and town councill of the said burgh, appoint James Wallace, town treasurer, to write to Edinburgh for two trumpiters to sound before the parade at the riding of the next fair, and to pay the said trumpiters therfore as usuall.

Trumpiters to the riding fair.

1 *September* 1718.

The provost, baillies, and town councill of the said burgh, being conveened for treating of the common concerns thereof, and having under their serious consideration ane petition formerly given in to them by William Maiben and William Mitchell, barbers and pirrieweg makers, merchands and burgesses of the said burgh, for themselves and in name and behalf of the remanent barbers and pirrieweg makers therin, which had been presented and read in councill upon the 22nd of August last, and maketh mention that where albeit the town councill by their act the eighteen day of June

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$j^m vj^c$ and ninty eight years, statute and ordained that no person living within this burgh, who is not entered burges, presume or take upon hand in any time thereafter to practise or make use of the said art of barbarizing or pieriewig making under the penalty of twenty pound Scots money, *toties quoties*, yet the samen no wayes authorizes the petitioners to oblidge any intrant burges who barbarizes or makes wigs to enter with the petitioners or give them any acknowledgment; and seing they are willing if indulged by your worships to imbody or incorporat themselves in a society of barbers, and for the better support of their poor and sufficiency of their work to oblidge each burges who shall hereafter enter and use the foresaid art or trade to enter with the said society of barbers and pay in [*blank*] Scots money of entry money to them, and to appoint one of their number as overseer for manadging their concerns and taking care of the sufficiency of their work, and other necessar members, if authorized thereto by your worships; and therefore craving your worships might take the premisses to your serious consideration and allow your petitioners to reimbodie or incorporate themselves, and annually to elect ane of their number as their overseer to take care of their publick concerns and inspect the sufficiency of their work, and to appoint other requisite members, and to statute that any person hereafter entering burges and practizing the foresaid art or trade shall be obliged to pay in to the said society of barbers [*blank*] money foresaid of entrie money. The saids provost, baillies, and town councill, after mature deliberation, hereby not only ratify and approve of the above former act of councill in the haill heads, articles, and clauses thereof, made in favours of the barbers within this burgh, but also hereby grant and allow liberty and priviledge to the barbers, pieriwig makers therin, who are burgesses, to imbody or incorporate themselves in ane tollerate society or incorporation by their allowance and under their authority, granting and giving to them full power annually to elect one of their number as overseer of their society, who is hereby authorized to take care of their whole publick concerns with consent of the other members of said society or plurality of them as they shall see cause and find just, and more particularly to inspect the sufficiency of the work of the members of said society, and with concurrance of any of the magistrats for the time to punish for insufficiency of work as the magistrats shall direct and appoint, and to appoint any clerk, boxmaster, and officer of their society, as the members thereof be

unanimous consent or majority of votes shall from time to time think fitt to elect and appoint, and to do every thing else reasonable, lawfull, and convenient for the right manadgement of the said society and its concerns, as freely in all respects as any other society tollerate by the saids magistrats and town councill have done or may by law do and exert in the like cases; and furder, the saids magistrats and councill hereby statute and ordain that any person hereafter entering burges and practizing the foresaid art or trade of barbarizing or pieriewigmaking, being a stranger, shall be oblidged to pay in to the said burgh for the liberty of the said practise within the same the sum of twelve pound for his entrie with the burgh, and whither he be stranger or not the sum of eight pound Scots to the said society of barbers for the use of their poor for his entry with them, unless the said society or tollerate incorporation shall hereafter think fitt to low the said entry as to the children or apprentices of those thereby incorporate or that hereafter shall enter with the said society; providing alwayes that by this present grant the said society be oblidged to apply their entries and other publick stock that shall arise amongst them for the support of their poor, and defray the expence of their other publick and necessar concerns so as that this burgh being no wayes burdened with the poor belonging to the said society; and likewayes hereby enacting and appointing that two of the foresaid society of barbers shall ride at the parade of the next ensuing fair, and yearly thereafter when the fair is rid, when thought fitt that they should so do, and that they shall be warned for that end. And in testimoney hereof the dean of gild, as precess of councill, has in their names subscribed this present act and grant, and appoints the great seal of the burgh to be hereto appended.

Act incorporating the barbers.

20 *September* 1718.

The provost, baillies, and toun councill of the said burgh, appoint James Wallace, toun treasurer, to buy the acts of the British parliament since the union commenced, for publick use of this burgh.

Act far buying acts of parliament.

6 *December* 1718.

The councill considering the petition formerlie given in to them by William Gilfillan, deacon of the weavers, for himself and in name of his said trade, they allow the said incorporation three scoir pound Scots for the better

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enabling them to make sash windows in their new foir tenement on the south side of the Baxters Wynd, near the foot thereof, latly rebuilt by the said trade in a spacious manner for the greater decorement of the said publick street.

20 *December* 1718.

Setting seats in body of church.

The magistrats and toune councill of the said burgh being conveined, it was overtured by baillie David Gillespie, conveiner Russall, and others of the councill, that the toun treasurer should be appointed by act of councill to sett the dasks, seats, and pews in the body of the church, and provost Christy protested theiragainst, and that if any plea or process should ensue betwixt the councill and kirk session thereon the toune may be free of the expence thereof. Thereafter the vote was stated, appoint the treasurer of that burgh to sett the seats in the body of the church or not, and carried by a great majority that the treasurer should sett the saids seats or dasks which the kirk session for some years past have sett, which the toune councill appoints their treasurer to sett on the first Tuesday of February nixt.

10 *January* 1719.

Scots classe in grammar school; ane other Scots school.

The councill taking ane former overture for disjoining the Scots or English class in the grammar school therefrom into their serious consideration, the vote was stated disjoine as above or not, and carried *nemine contradicente*, not to disjoine but to continue the Scots or English classe in the grammar school as formerly during the councills pleasure. But the councill also considering that it is necessare ane other Scots school be appointed for teaching the young or small boys not fitte to goe to the grammar school because of the tendernesse of their age, and also the girles to read English, writing, and arithmetick, and ane fitte and sufficient persone sought out for that end, and that ane reasonable sallarie should be allowed him for his encouradgement, and so much of quarter payment from each young boy or girle, as the councill shall thinke fitte to condescend on, they appoint ane other Scots school to the end forsaid to be sett up within this burgh against or betwixt and Whitsunday nixt, and to continue during the councills pleasure, and recommend to each member of the councill to enquire for ane sufficient persone to the intent forsaid, and the councill hereby grant and allow the yearlie sallarie of ane hundred merks Scots money for such

persons encouradgement besydes what of quarterly payments they shall allow him to take from his scholars, and declare the said annual sallarie is to be payed by this burgh.

Scots classe in grammar school; ane other Scots school.

31 *January* 1719.

The magistrats and town councill of the said burgh having fully considered the petition formerly given in to them and read in councill upon the seventeenth day of January instant by Adame Jack, overseer to the mechannicks within this burgh, for himself and in name of the haill remanent members of the mechannicks therin, shewing that where the five seats or dasks in the east end of the church under the gildries loft, severall years agoe allocate and appointed to the saids mechannicks for sitting in to hear the publick ordinances and worship of God, are both very remote and dark, so that the mechannicks can neither weell see or hear; and that besides, their number being increassed so that the foresaids seats will not accomodate above the half of them, they for their better accomodation in the church severall years agoe applyed to the then magistrats and councill to be allowed to erect a loft above the schoalers loft, and accordingly it was demonstratively tryed and found that the erecting the said new loft in the foresaid place would not obscure the light from the gildry and trades lofts; and seing that it was so found and that the building of the said new loft was found practicable, and that the mechannicks were and are still willing to be at the whole expence of building and putting up the said new loft for the use of their society, and quitt their pretensions and right or possession to the three backmost seats of the five they possess, to be disposed of as the councill shall think fitt, reserving to the mechannicks for the use of their wives the two foirmost of the saids five laigh dasks or seats; and therefore humbly craving that the councill would take the same to their serious consideration and allow the petitioners to erect and build the said new loft upon their own charges, and to putt out lights therein in any place that beis convenient, and to reserve to the saids mechannicks for the use of their and their successors wives the two foirmost of the saids five laigh seats or dasks; and that on the foresaid 17th current it was condescended to and aggreed on in councill that it should be tryed of new if the building of ane loft above the said schoalars loft would darken the light of the church, and that the same had been accordingly in a proper way of demonstration tryed and found that it would not darken the light of the

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said church, the saids magistrats and councill give and grant liberty and priviledge to the said mechannicks to erect, build, and putt up ane new loft in the church above the schoalars loft, upon the saids mechannicks their own proper charges and expences; and declares the said loft to be so of new erected and putt up by them to pertain and belong to them and their successors, mechannicks in this burgh, for hereafter, and that for, in liew, and place of their above five seats or dasks in the east end of the said kirk; and refuses to reserve or allow to the saids mechannicks the two foirmost of the saids five seats for seats to ther wives as above desired, and declare the saids haill five seats or dasks to appertain and belong wholly to the town councill of this burgh, to be sett and disposed of by them for the behoove and advantage of the said burgh in all time hereafter; and likewayes refuse to allow the mechannicks to strick out new lights in the church for the use of the said new loft to be erected by them, without they first ask and obtain liberty from the councill for so doing in such parts of the walls of the church as beis thought most proper and without any hazard.

21 *April* 1719.

Provyding poulder and bullets.

The magistrats and toune councill of the said burgh considering the danger wherewith his Majesties kingdomes are at present threatned by ane invasion from Spain, and that it is credibly informed that a parte of the descent are landed in the north of Scotland, they, for the better provyding the inhabitants of this place with ammunition for defence of the government, appoint the toun treasurer to borrow ane hundered pund weight of poulder from the governour deput of the castle of Sterling, with bullets conforme, and to grant receipt and oblidgment in the councills name for redelivery of the lyke quantitie; and if the samen cannot be so had, appoints the treasurer to provyde the forsaid poulder and bullets from any persone or persons he can have the same, at as reasonable rates as can be obtained.

2 *May* 1719.

Noticing those that pass at the bridge.

Appoints the town treasurer to give to John Millar, drystar at the bridge, four pound four shilling Scots for his pains in attending at the bridge for severall weeks past and taking notice of the persons that pass thereat, that none were allowed to pass who were suspected for disaffection to the goverment.

Appoints the treasurer to give to John Lowrie, late conveener of the said burgh, seven pound Scots for the use of his house for lodging a part of the baggage belonging to Shannans regiment from the third of May 1718 to the latter fair of Sterling said year during the residew of the late troubles by the rebellion, the said John Lowrie having lodged the same at the desire of provost Christie and baillie Russall.

Keeping of Shanans baggage.

11 *May* 1719.

The magistrats and toune councill of the said burgh being conveined, Robert Napier, waiter at the touns milns, was conveined before them and complained of for his rude and insolent carriage and misbehaviour on Saturnday last to baillie Russall and baillie Gillespie, by laying doune the keys of the Borrowmilne and refusing to attend as waiter any longer, in regaird the quartermaster had putt two souldiers on him; and the said Robert being examined thereon, he acknouledged the same and declared he did it in passion and was heartily grieved at it, and craved the magistrats and councill pardone therefor.

Complaint against Robert Napier.

29 *August* 1719.

The councill approve of the particular accompts following debursed by the town treasurer for the burgh on solemnity dayes and otherwayes on publick account, viz., of one accompt of 30 pound 2 shilling, spent the 30th of October last, being the Prince of Wales birth day; of another of 118 pound 4 shilling 2 pennies, spent the 20th said moneth, being the anniversary of his Majesties corronation; of another spent in making the Swiss officers burgesses, being 46 pound 4 shilling; of another of 10 pound 10 shilling, spent in making Generall Kepple burges; of another of 32 pound 4 shilling, spent with the lords of justiciary at their circuit in May last; of another of 129 pound 14 shilling, spent on the Kings birth day in May last; and of another of 47 pound 16 shilling all Scots money the first of August last, being the anniversary of his Majesties accession to the throne.

Act approving of severall accompts of publick spendings.

It was moved in councill that ane tympan should be built on the fore front of the towns house now in building for the greater decorment thereof, and after reasoning thereon the vote was stated build a tympan or not, and was carried by plurality of votes to build a tympan on the said new house as above overtured.

Tympan in the towns new house.

10 *September* 1719.

Rescinding former act for building a tympan.

The councill reconsidering their act of the 29th of August last for building a tympan on the foirfront of the towns house, they find the same would prejudge the roof, and therefore rescind the foresaid act and discharge the building of ane tympan, and appoint the roof when the stone work is finished to be putt on in a plain way without flankers which the tympan would occasion.

12 *September* 1719.

Claytons officers burges; fire at horsemiln.

Approves of a particular accompt payed out by the town treasurer in making the officers of Claytons regiment burgesses in the councill house, extending to 46 pound 9 shilling; and of another payed out by him to souldiers and others for their pains in indeavouring to extinguish the fire at the horsemiln and Castle Wynd, extending to 16 pound 16 shilling Scots.

Room for sick soulders.

The councill considering that when souldiers quartered in this place turn sick or deseased the samen is uneasie and troublesome to the families where they are quartered, therefore the councill appoint their treasurer to take ane convenient room for lodging any sick or deseased souldiers that beis quartered in this place, and that for a year to come at as easie a rent as possible, that the inhabitants be not troubled with sick or deseased souldiers lying in their families.

10 *October* 1719.

Process and act, Patrick Stivensone.

It being represented and complained of the councill be Christopher Russall, deacon conveener of the said burgh, for himself and others of the councill, that on the twenty third of September last Patrick Stivenson, elder, merchant in this burgh, scandalized and abused the said conveener and severall others of the then, and some of them yet present councillers, by calling them damned or confounded Jacobit rascalls or devils, and craved he might be fyned and otherwayes punished therefor; and the said Patrick being cited, called, and compearing personally, after the complaint was read over to him and he examined thereon, he judicially acknouledged that in his drink he vented some such expressions or the lyke, which he does not particularly remember, and that he was sorrie and came in the councills will therefor, and in testimonie thereof he and the preses have subscryved thir presents. Which being considered by the councill, they ordain the said Patrick Stivenson judicially, in face of councill, to acknouledge he was in the wrong in so venting and

expressing himself, and to crave pardone therefor, and to enact himself not to be guilty of the lyke towards the councill present or to come in tyme coming, under the pain of ane hundered pound Scots to be payed by him to the treasurer in case of contravention, attoure being otherwayes punished according to law therefor.

Process and act, Patrick Stivensone.

7 *November* 1719.

The councill approve of the table of the touns customes to be exacted from thencefurth at the bridge of Borrowesgate, as rectified and altered, and appoint the same to be recorded in the principall councill book, which is accordingly done.

Table of customs.

The magistrats represented to the councill that in regaird of the abuses committed by ensine Scriviner, of collonell Claytons regiment quartered in this burgh, towards baillie Christie by threatning to throw about his neck, and against baillie Leasks family by threatning he would burn the baillies house and otherwayes, they judged it fitt to inform thereof to my lord solicitor and consult him thereon, which the councill approved of and declare they will defray what expence beis necessar for prosecuting the same, in respect of the greatness of the indignity and threatning of burning.

Information against Ensine Scriviner.

14 *December* 1719.

Baillie Thomas Gillespie presented a memoriall to the councill by John Burd, glazier in this burgh, signed by the said John, shewing that the memoriallist having formerly given in a memoriall to the councill shewing, that seing they had now ane house to glase he would undertake it as cheap as any, but having gott no return or answer he now again, for the respect he has for advancing the interest of the burgh, and that the publick may not be imposed upon by extravagant pryces in their glasses, he now again makes offer to the councill to furnish the whole windows of the new lodging with crown glass at three pence half pennie sterling per pane, and therefore, and seing he makes this offer not for any advantage he can make himself by it but for making the towns expence the easier, so hoped to be preferred to any other. [After discussion and several protests the council refused the desire of the memorial, and adhered to an agreement the treasurer had previously made with convener Russall to glaze the front windows with crown glass and the back windows with common glass.]

Glazing windows.

31 *March* 1720.

£72 Scots to Mrs. M'Alla.

The councill, out of the great respect they still have and bare for the savoury memory of the deceast and reverend Mr. Robert M'Alla, one of the ministers in this burgh, appoint James Littlejohn, their town treasurer, to give to Mary Burnet, relict of the said Mr. Robert M'Alla, seventy two pound Scots for the better subsistance of her, her children and family.

11 *April* 1720.

Leather buckets.

The councill approves of a particular accompt extending to one hundered and fourty four pound, as the price of twenty four leather buckets, at six pound per piece, made by Charles Lyon, deacon of the cordners of said burgh, for the use thereof.

7 *May* 1720.

Entry of a burgess; quitt for services.

Receives and admitts John Marchell, slaiter in this burgh, who is married to Agnes Thomson, daughter to William Thomson, burges there, to the liberty and freedom of ane neighbour and burges thereof, and in regaird of his serviceableness formerly at severall occasions when fire hath happened in this burgh, the council quitts him his entry, being eight pound Scots.

11 *June* 1720.

Act for buying of blankets, sheets, &c.

The council considering that by reason of the frequent indispositions and sickness of severalls of the souldiers quartered in this burgh, the inhabitants thereof on whom such are quartered are much incomoded, and they having provyded ane house and beds therein for accomodation of sick souldiers they appoint James Littlejohn, their town treasurer, to buy sixteen paire of blankets, sixteen single harn sheets, eight hair coverings, and as much tweeling or the like as will make eight bolsters, for furnishing of the eight beds, the expence whereof and of buying ane pott and pan for the use of the saids souldiers, which the treasurer is appointed to buy, is to be allowed to the treasurer in his accompts.

16 *June* 1720.

Anent the towns share in the fisherie.

The magistrats and council recomend to the magistrats, dean of gild, and conveener, with provost Christie, the treasurer, and [four others], to meet and consider of the share allowed this burgh in the company of the royall fisherie of England, and if or not the towns holding the share or assigning the same

will be most advisable, and to call what substantiall and knowing merchands in the place they shall think fitt to their assistance in advising thereof, and to make their report against Wednsday nixt come eight dayes the 29th currant.

Anent the towns share in the fisherie.

4 *July* 1720.

The committee of council formerly appointed to consider if the share allowed this burgh in the royall fisherie will be for the towns advantadge, made report that they had mett severall times and called severall substantiall merchants to their assistance, and adjourned the meeting for some time and recomended to a part of their number to draw up instructions to provost Christie, commissioner from this burgh to the royall burrows, to be advised or resolved at Edinburgh anent the towns share in said fisherie, and that the said instructions were accordingly drawen up and given to provost Christie, and that the committee recomended to the council to prefix a day betwixt and which any of the inhabitands who resolve to take a part of the towns share in said fisherie may condescend particularly what part they will take thereof. The council continue the furder consideration of the affair till provost Christies return from the said convention.

Act anent the fishery.

25 *July* 1720.

The dean of gild made report from the committee appointed by the council to meet and consider of the share of three thousand pound starling allowed this burgh in the Royal Fishery of England, that they had met with severalls of the most substantiall merchants of this burgh, considered the said affair and the printed case thereof, with the act of the convention of burrows the 15th current anent the carrying on a fishery by the merchants and burgesses of the royall burghs of Scotland laid before them, and that the committee are of opinion that the council should appoint it to be advised with able lawyers and knowing merchants if or not this burgh will be in any hazard or runn any risque by assigning or transferring their said share in the English fishery, or if the doing thereof will clash or be inconsistant with the said act of convention, and that the committee likwayes recomended to the council that after they have gott advice thereanent not to proceed in assigning or transferring the said share, enacting, or doing any thing finally thereanent, till the gildrie and haill other incorporations of this brugh be by appointment

Royal fishery of England; Scots fishery.

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of the council conveened and acquainted thereof. And that as to the Scots fishery the committee are of opinion that the council should appoint the gildrie and other incorporations to be conveened, that it may be known what they will subscrive for in said fishery, and that a preamble to their subscriptions should be drawen up and their subscriptions taken in once this week, to the end the same may betwixt and the sixth of August nixt be signified in due form to the committee of the convention. The council delay the furder consideration of the report as to the English fishery till they deliberat furder thereon; and in the mean time recomends to baillie Patrick Gillespie (who is going to Edinburgh) to endeavour to gett a double of my lord advocat's consultation and Mr Duncan Forbes's thereanent; and likeways to converse lawyers and knowing merchants on that subject as he shall find cause. And as to the Scots fishery, recomends to the dean of gild to conveen the gildrie tomorrow against nine aclock foirnoon, and the conveener to conveen the trades at two aclock said day, and the baillies to conveen the maltmen, machanicks and omnigatherum against two aclock said day, and intimat the affair of the Scots fishery to them that it may be knowen how many subscriptions will be gott amongst them to the said Scots fishery once this week, that the amount thereof may be knowen and signified in due form to the committee of the convention betwixt and the sixth of August nixt, according to the act of the convention.[1]

27 *August* 1720.

£12 to Archibald Moir for extraordinars.

The council allows to Archibald Moir, gylour of the tolbooth of this burgh, twelve pound Scots for his service in the council house and at the cross at solemnities and on other publick occasions since Michaelmas 1718.

3 *September* 1720.

Act for the beddell crying the dead in the Castlehill.

The council having considered the petition given in to them by John Finlayson and George Reid, weavers in the Castlehill, for themselves and in name of the rest of the inhabitants there, they appoint and ordain the beddell present and to come, in all time hereafter when he cryes the dead, to do the same in the Castlehill in the usuall manner as cryed at other parts within the burgh, at the tenement or house at the top of the brae belonging to John

[1] For further information and details of proceedings taken by the royal burghs about this time regarding the fisheries, reference may be made to the printed Records of Convention.

Robertson, cordiner; and Patrick Downy, present beddell, being called for was acquainted thereof in face of council.

Act for the beddell crying the deid in the Castlehill.

15 *September* 1720.

The magistrats and toune counsell of the said burgh being conveined, in the complaint given in to the council by Christopher Russell, deacon conveener of the said burgh, and Charles Ross, procurator fiscall of the said burgh, for his interest, against Patrick Stivenson, elder, merchant there, for a scandall and abuse alleadged vented by him against the magistrats and town counceil on the 9th currant, by calling them Jacobite villanis and rasckals and destroyers of the towns common good, with other base and scandallous expressions, and therefore craving he might not only be decerned in payment of one hundred pound for his contravention thereby of his enactment in their books of 10th October last, but also to be furder fined and otherwayes examplary punnished therefor. [Stivenson having denied the complaint witnesses were examined.]

Complaint and process against Patrick Stivenson.

James Cushny, taylour, married, and aged 28 years or therby, depones that on Fridays night last, the ninth currant, the deponent being in the house of John Galloway, taylor, the defender, Patrick Stivenson, came in to them, and after he had sitt a litle he said to the deponent that he and the town council that he took part with were Jacobite villanes and destroyers of the towns common good, and that he should watch them, and bad the deponent goe and tell his master the defender said so, for they were but a hellish crew.

Janet Matheson, spouse to the above John Galloway, aged 40 years, depones that the time libelled the defender came to James Cushney and her husband when they were sitting in her husbands house, and that she did hear the defender say that from top to toe they were through Jacobites, and that they were throwing down that which was good, but did not hear the defender name the magistrats or council, and that she heard him say he would wait upon them, and Cushny was like his master. [Depositions of other witnesses taken.]

17 *September* 1720.

The magistrats and council having considered the libell or complaint, with the depositions of the witnesses now and formerly adduced, and former

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enactment libelled, they find it sufficiently proven that the defender has grossly scandallized and traduced the counceil or part of them by calling them Jacobites, and that thereby he has incurred the penalty contained in the said former act, and therefore fines and unlaws him in the sum of one hundered pound Scots therefore, and decerns him in payment thereof to the town treasurer for the use of the burgh; and furder ordains him to enact himself in thir books not to be gilty of the like base practises, or of reproaching or reflecting upon the magistracy or town council present or to come in any time hereafter in any such manner or otherwayes, under the pain and penalty of five hundered merks money foresaid and loosing his freedome as burges in case of contravention, and to remain in prison till he pay and enact himself accordingly; in obedience whereunto the said Patrick Stivenson hereby enacts and oblidges himself to the effect and under the penalty and forfulture foresaid.

8 *October* 1720.

Wether cock.

The council appoint William Maibon, town treasurer, to cause take down the wether cock on the town steeple of the said burgh and putt the taill thereto that was blowen off by excessive storm, and to cause put up the same on the steeple as formerly.

29 *October* 1720.

Musick master.

The counceil allow eight pound Scots yearly to William Cheyne, musick master in this burgh, for provyding ane room to teach his schoolars in, in regaird he was formerly allowed ane room in the Over Hospitall house for that purpose till of late that the rooms thereof were sett.

23 *November* 1720.

Precautions for preventing the pestilence.

The magistrats and town council of the said burgh being conveened, there was a missive or recomendation from the committee of the convention of the royall borrows direct to the provost, baillies, and council of this burgh, anent the precautions to be used as to persons and goods coming from the Isles of Guernsey and Jersay and the Isle of Mann, as weel as from the Mediteranian, or from the places situated in the Bay of Biscay, dated nineteenth currant, with respect to the pestilence, which being read in council with the meathods or directions subjoyned thereto, and coppy of laws and others in

a paper apart therewith sent, were appointed to be recorded in the principall council book of this burgh, and which was accordingly done.[1]

Precautions for preventing the pestilence.

13 *December* 1720.

The magistrats and toune councill of the said burgh being conveined, and considering that by the annual accompts of the toune and hospitalls the condition and state thereof is not so plainly obvious, and being resolved the same be sett in clear light that it may appeare yearly what the debit and credit of the toune and hospitalls may be, they recommend to the extrordinare auditores to cause forme ane book by way of abstract for doing thereof after such method, and to imploy such persone as they shall thinke fitte for that end; and the said book to be ballanced at each Michaelmasse that the circumstances of both may yearly appeare.

Abstracts of the toune and hospitalls accompts.

22 *March*, 1721.

The magistrats and town council being conveened in the complaint or representation given in by deacon M'Lowrie, deacon Aikman, deacon Espline, deacon Stivenson, and deacon Murdoch, against conveener Russall, the saids haill complainers judicially declared in face of councill they were willing to pass simpliciter from their complaint or process, provyding the conveener acknowledged he had been rash and in the wrong to them, and did enact himself not to be guilty of any abuse towards them or any of them or their successors in office by beating or otherwise, and particularly that he should not in time coming lord his power or authority as conveener over them, the rest of the deacons, or their successors in office, farder than according to law and reason and what formerly conveeners were priviledged with, and that they should have their free voices or votes in the council and conveener courts in all time coming without any restraint by the said conveener upon them or threats by him to them or any of them on account thereof, notwithstanding of any act of the conveener court to the contrair, and that under such pains, penalty, or certification as the councill shall think fitt; and the said conveener being also personally present judicially declared he had been rash or in the wrong to the said complainers, and not only promised not to do the like in

Complaint, the deacons against conveener Russall.

[1] The missive, directions, copy laws, &c., here referred to, will also be found in printed Convention Records, vol. V., pp. 268-70.

Complaint, the deacons against conveener Russall.

time coming but also hereby enacts and obleidges himself to the effect and in the terms proposed by the saids complainers by their above provision or quality, and that under the penalty of one hundred pounds Scots money.

22 *April*, 1721.

Tail to the weather cock.

The councill allow four pound Scots to Colline M'Lowrie, deacon of the hammermen, for his pains and expence in furnishing copper to putt ane taill to the weather cock on the steiple of the tolbooth of this burgh.

Taking down and putting up wether-cock.

Allow to Adam Jack, slaiter, burges of this burgh, for himself and other tradesmen that were employed in building the scaffolds on the speire of the tolbooth steiple of this burgh, taking down the weather cock theron, and putting the same up again after the taill formerly blown off by excessive winds therefrom was putt therto, twelve pound Scots, besides the three pound that was spent by William Maiben, toun treasurer, with them when doing the said work.

10 *June*, 1721.

Anent seatts in the body of the church.

The magistrats and toun council of the said burgh unanimously resolve to give back the seatts in the body or area of the church to the kirk session of this burgh to be sett and disposed off by them for the use of the poor, no way including the seatts which formerly belonged to the mechanicks, or other seatts in the church which the council have already by former acts actually granted and disposed off to severalls of the inhabitants; providing alwise that the kirk session give over and confirm to William Maibin, town treasurer, Joseph Hunter, Thomas Campbell, and William Paterson, elder, merchants, equally amongst them four, for the accomodation of themselves and families, that seatt in the church formerly belonging to baillie Allan, the said William Maibin having alwise two seatts in the said dask, and the session referring to the above persons themselves what they shall be pleased to give to the poor of the parioch therefor.

3 *July*, 1721.

Process and sentence against Murdoch for breaking prison.

Anent the representation and complaint given in to the magistrats and council by Archibald M'Lechrist, late deacon of the weavers of this burgh, and Charles Ross, procurator fiscall thereof, for his interest, against James Murdoch, present deacon of the glovers of said burgh, for going out of prison upon Friday last, the 30th June last, after he had been incarcerat in the tolbooth

by the magistrats order till he gave publick satisfaction in the terms of a sentence before the commissar court, craving that he might be punished therefore as being contrair to his burgour oath, and that by being declared no burges and incapable of bearing publick poast or charge in this burgh at any time hereafter; the defender being summoned, called, and compearing personally, judicially acknowledged that, after he had been incarcerat as above, he, without liberty of any of the magistrats, time forsaid, late at night, went out of the tolbooth to his own house to gett a coad and a drink of water, but returned quickly to the prison; and likewise judicially acknowledged that he had formerly come out of prison without the authority or liberty of any magistrat after he had been incarcerat on a warrand for debt at the instance of William Paterson, elder, merchant; and came in the magistrats and councils will therefor. Which being considered by the magistrats and council, they find the complaint acknowledged and the defender therby guilty of breaking of the prison two severall times, and that by so doing he has forfeit his right and priviledge as a burges, and therfore declare his admission as burges of this burgh null, and the said James Murdoch incapable of bearing any public charge or poast therin at any time hereafter, and ordain him to be remitted back and secured in closs prison till he give publick satisfaction in terms of the foresaid sentence on account wherof he was last incarcerat.

Process and sentence against Murdoch for breaking prison.

11 *July*, 1721.

The councill considering that before entering of Andrew Shedden, hammerman and ferrier, burgess, it was resolved his entrie as burgess should be quitt in regaird of his usefullnesse as horse ferrier in this place, they quitt his entrie being twelve pound Scots.

Quitting a horse ferrier's entrie.

The council nominat and appoint John Din, hammerman, to be town drummer of the said burgh during the councils pleasure, and appoint William Maiben, treasurer, to furnish him with a suitt of drummers cloaths bearing the touns livery as usuall, but declare the said drummer is to have no sallary but only payments for beatting of banks, proclamations, or the like, in the usuall manner.

Appointing toun drummer.

17 *July*, 1721.

The council approve of ane particular accompt for exchange of the four cummunion cups of this burgh payed out by William Maiben, toun treasurer,

Repairing the cummunion cups.

Repairing the cummunion cups.

with the carriage thereof and drink money, extending to £13 12 s. 4 d. starling, and allows the said treasurer to discharge himself therewith.

New cushen made of foot mantle; cover to carpet.

The council considering that the cushen designed for the provost of this burgh to sitt on in the kirk is now very old and insufficient, and that there is now little use for the touns foot mantle, they appoint William Maiben, treasurer, to cause make ane cushen of the said foot mantle, and likewise to cause make ane cloath or slip to cover the carpet in the magistrates loft.

James Nicoll toun clerk during life; seasine register.

The council having called for and revised the council books and registers of this burgh, and finding the same exactly filled up and signed, they to encourage James Nicoll, toun clerk of this burgh, to continue in his diligence and faithfullness, *nemine contradicente*, nominate and elect him toun clerk of this burgh *ad vitam aut culpam*, and he being present gave his oath *de fideli* accordingly. And appoint that in all time coming the registers of seasines and others belonging to this burgh be for hereafter numbered on the pages thereof, and each tenth page thereof signed by the preses of council for the time.

5 *August*, 1721.

Leather buckets and ladders.

The magistrats and toun council considering that severall of the touns leather buckets used in case of accidents by fire are amissing, and that notwithstanding of ane former act of council ladders have not as yet been made which are necessar on such occasions, therefore they appoint William Maiben, toun treasurer, to cause make so many leather buckets for the end forsaid as he finds necessar, and likewise to cause make two sufficient ladders for said use; and recomends to the gildry and seven incorporat trades to cause make four sufficient ladders for the end forsaid, viz., the gildry two and the trades two.

21 *August*, 1721.

Entry money of a currier quitt.

Receives and admits Patrick Morisone, currier in St. Ninians, to the liberty and freedome of ane neighbour and burgess of this burgh; and they quitt him his entry, being twelve pound Scots, in respect he is to come and live in this burgh, and that there is no other currier of leather therein, and that his following said employment within the same will be for the advantage of the cordners therein.

12 *September*, 1721.

Salmon given to duke of Argyle.

The council appoint William Maiben, toun treasurer, to give to David Willisone, burges of this burgh, four pound sixteen shillings Scotts for a

large salmond he furnished for publick use of the burgh in December j^{m}vij^{c} and fifteen, which was given in complement to his grace the Duke of Argyle.

Salmon given to duke of Argyle.

4 *November*, 1721.

The provost, baillies, and toun council of the said burgh, considering that the toun has no carpet for the council table, they therefore appoint William Maiben, toun treasurer, to buy ane carpet for laying upon the said table, and likewise to cause buff the magistrats and councillours seatts in the church, and to buy ane new two armed chair of Rushy lether for the provost sitting on in the church.

Carpet to council table; repairing church seatts.

17 *November*, 1721.

The provost laid before the council a letter from the provost of Perth to the magistrats of this burgh craving the council might give their concurrance in addressing the honourable House of Commons for taking off the dutie that is laid upon Scotts linnen that is stamped, printed, or stained in Great Brittain, as being a most considerable branch of the trade of this kingdom, with ane coppy of the address by the toun council of Perth that was signed by their provost on account theirof in their names, which being read in council the vote was stated—address as desired with advice of knowing men in the place with a commitie of the council, or delay the same till farder thought on,—and it was carried delay till a commitie of the council and some knowing persons in the place be appointed by the council for considering of the said affair. Thereafter the council recomend to the provost, baillies, dean of gild, conveener, and treasurer, with Andrew Wright, Andrew M'Lewham and James Dawson, merchant councellours, and Robert Forrest, deacon of the weavers, trades councellour, to meett to morrow at nine aclock forenoon at the toun councilhouse, consider of said matter, call for any knowing merchantis in the place they shall think fitt and take their advice therein, and prepare their thoughts thereon to be reported to the council next dyet theirof.

Addressing House of Commons for taking dutie off stampt linnen.

18 *January*, 1722.

There was ane act of the convention of royall burrows concerning the plague, past the thirteenth day of December last, presented and read in council, which the council appointed to be recorded in the principall council book, and which was accordingly done.[1]

Act of convention concerning the plague.

[1] The act referred to is printed in the Records of Convention, vol. V., pp. 299-301.

Lists of unentered persons and poor.

The council recomends to the magistrats and dean of gild to go through the four quarters of the burgh, each of the three baillies and dean of gild calling for any merchants and trades councillours he shall think fitt, and to take up ane exact list of the whole people living in their respective quarters that are not entered burgesses, that they may be charged to enter or to remove furth of the burgh conform to former acts of council; and likewise to take up lists of the poor belonging to the burgh in the severall quarters.

Discharging giving and taking of letters bodles.

The council being informed that some person or persons within this burgh doe disperse considerable quantities of Dutch doitts or letters bodles which are not current coin, to the great prejudice of the place and commerce thairof, therefore they appoint ane bank to be putt through this burgh discharging such practices for the future, and all persons from giving or receiving any such letters bodles in payments, as they will be answerable upon their highest penalty.

27 *January*, 1722.

English doctors in the Grammar school.

The provost, baillies, and toun council of the said burgh being conveened, there was produced and read over to them ane extract of ane act of the presbytery of Sterling of the twentieth of December last declaring their satisfaction that Mr. Magnis Walker, schoolmaster in Drummond, be installed to be doctor in the grammar school of this burgh for teaching English, writting, and arithmetick therein: which being considered by the council they hereby install the said Mr. Walker in the foresaid station from and after the feast and term of Candlemass nixt to come, during the council present and to come their pleasure, and grant and allow to him ane hundred pound Scotts of salary yearly during his being continued in said station.

5 *May*, 1722.

Money due for coall and candle furnished to guards.

The provost, baillies, and toun council of the said burgh being conveened, there was ane abstract of the accompt of coal and candle furnished by this burgh to the guards kept by the honourable Collonel Claytons regiment theirin from the sixth of June last 1721 to the fifth of May 1722, amounting to £22 6s. 8d. sterling, by provost Johnstone, and it was moved by severalls of the council that, in order to be a precedent for the future as to the forces that beis quartered in this burgh, the provost should use all possible endeavours to recover payment of said accompt.

19 *June*, 1722.

It was overtured by severalls of the council that the first seat in the magistrats old loft, and second seats thereof to the bught of the said second seats, be in all time coming reserved for the accomodatione of the old magistrats and of strangers of distinctione or respect; and it was also overtured by the dean of gild that both the first and second seats in said loft be wholy and intirely reserved to the end and purpose foresaid. The council continue the consideratione of both overtures till their next dyet.

Anent seats in the magistrates old loft.

6 *October*, 1722.

The magistrats and council appoint Andrew Wright, toun treasurer, to give twenty four pound Scotts for helping to defray the expence of cutting James Sympson, son to Robert Sympson, of the stone, which is to be done this day.

Cutting of the stone.

22 *December*, 1722.

The council considering the loss that Thomas Glen, taxman of the meall mercate, was at for about a fourtnight in August last, when severalls of the horses of Stairs dragoons stood in the meall mercate before they were encampt, they allow the said Thomas twelve pound Scots in full recompence of said loss.

12 £ to taxman of meall mercate.

19 *February*, 1723.

The provost, baillies, and toun councill, treating of the common concerns of the said burgh, and having formerly and now had under their serious consideration ane representation given in to them the twenty eight day of January last, then and at dyets thereof thereafter read in publick councill, by James Grahame and Alexander Chalmers, neighbours, burgesses of the said burgh, present deacons of the tolerate society or incorporation of workmen, hauxters, carriers, horsehyrers, and other dargsmen of such employs or occupations therein, commonly called the omnigatherum, for themselves and in name of the remanent members of the said indulgent society, mentioning that where albeit the saids representants and severall others of their incorporation have been from time to time charged by the magistrats authority to enter burgesses of this burgh, yet within some years past severall persons have followed the saids employs or handylabours as residenters therein without entering burgesses, to the manifest hurt and prejudice of the

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members of omnigatherum, since those of that society were actually entered are able to serve the burgh and inhabitants in such cases, and that these not entered who practised the same thereby deprive such as are entered members of the said incorporation of their bread in so far, and reap the advantage thereof without paying of any satisfaction for any such liberty; and furder shewing that albeit the representants and others members of the omnigatherum in their stations and capacity are frequently called to serve the government and burgh on all occasions, if not more than any others, especially in time of disturbance in the nation, removeall of forces quartered in the place or coming of forces transiently thereto in carrying their baggage therefrom, yet hitherto there hes been no act or constitution granted or appointed by the saids magistrats and councill or their predecessors, whereby any practising any handycraft or employ used and followed by any of the omnigatherum are oblidged to enter with the said society after their being entered with the burgh, and to pay to the omnigatherum for their entry therewith as the councill shall appoint, notwithstanding that other tolerate incorporations have some indulgence allowed them that way, whereby it might easily appear that the omnigatherums inability to serve the touns demands on publick occasions proceeded not from their unwillingness, but from their above circumscrived straitning circumstances in their present case; and therefore humbly craving that their honours might be pleased, in consideration of the premisses, not only to take ane effectuall method to suppress such as are not entered with the burgh and are able to enter therewith from and discharge their following or practising any handy labour or the like work or occupation used by them therein till they actually enter burgesses, under such pains, penalties, and certifications as their honours shall think fitt; but also, in regaird the omnigatherum have been ane allowed incorporation as above past memory of man, and most ready to serve in the greatest extremities, to ratify, renew, and approve of all former grants or allowances in their favours with respect to their said incorporation and priviledges thereof, and of new to give, grant, and confirm the same to them, allowing the said incorporation and their successors, by their deacons or representatives, to charge such as beis entered burgesses and use hyreing of horses, carting, threshing, hauxtering, or other employs of the like kind, and beis not entered with any other of the incorporations of this burgh, to enter with the omnigatherum in such time after the charge

to be given them by their officer for that effect, and under such prohibition, penalty, and certification as their honours shall think fitt. The saids provost, baillies, and toun councill, after mature deliberation, hereby statute and enact that no person or persons for present residenters within this burgh, or who hereafter shall happen to be indwellers therein, and who are entered or beis judged capable by the toun council present or to come to be admitted burgesses and enter with the burgh and beis not entered with any other of the trades or incorporations therein, shall be allowed or suffered to use, follow, or practise hyring of horses, driving of carts, carrying of merchant goods, selling of hauxter ware, keeping of milk cows, fatning of cows for slaughter, or the like employs, but are hereby discharged therefrom under the pain of four pounds Scots money to be forfeit and payed by ilk ane of them for ilk contravention in manner forsaid ay and whyle they enter with the said omnigatherum in manner after prescrived; and declare that any for present practising as aforsaid and are not entered with the burgh, and beis deemed proper by the toun councill to be receaved and admitted as burgesses by them, shall be oblidged upon information thereof from the omnigatherum within the space of a month thereafter to enter burgesses or be ordered to remove furth of this burgh and territories thereof. And furder, the saids provost, baillies, and toun councill, as representing the community of the said burgh, by this their act and grant, for certain reasonable considerations not only ratify and approve of all former grants and indulgences by the magistrats and toun councill of this burgh in favours of the said omnigatherum and priviledges thereby accruing to them, but also of new grant, allow, and confirm, liberty and priviledge to the members of the said omnigatherum who are entered burgesses to embody or incorporate themselves in ane tolerate society or incorporation of omnigatherum by the saids magistrats and councill their allowance and under their authority, hereby giving and granting to the said omnigatherum full power annually to elect two of their number as deacons of their society, who are hereby authorized to take care of their whole publick concerns with consent of the other members of said society or plurality of them as they shall see cause and find reasonable, and to appoint ane clerk, boxmasters, and officers ane or moe, of their society as the members thereof by unanimous consent or majority of votes shall from time to time think fitt to elect and appoint; and likewise by their officer, in the space of six months after the

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entry of any as burges who beis not a member of any of the other trades or incorporations, to cause charge such to enter with the omnigatherum within the space of fifteen dayes after the charge by their officer, under the pain of fourty shilling money forsaid to be paid in by such to their box in case of failyie, attour being liable for the entry money in manner after exprest; and which penalty is allowed to be exacted and uplifted by the omnigatherum, the concurrance of one of the magistrats being alwise asked and obtained thereto, and to do every other thing else lawfull and convenient for the right management of said society and its concerns, as freely in all respects as any other society tollerate by the magistrats and toun councill of this burgh have done or may by law do and exert in the like cases; declaring the same nevertheless upon application to be alwise subject to the cognisance of the magistrats and toun councill of this burgh present and to come as they shall find just and reasonable. And sicklike, the saids magistrats and toun councill hereby statute and ordain that any person hereafter entering burges and practising any of the forsaids employs, and who does not enter with any other of the trades or incorporations therein, shall be oblidged to pay into the box belonging to the said omnigatherum the sum of nine pound money forsaid for the use of their poor for his entring with them, unless the said society or tolerate incorporation shall hereafter think fitt to low the said entry, which they are hereby impowered to do as they shall find cause; and likewise to appoint the entry of the childeren of any of their members or of their sons in law, the same alwise not exceeding the fourth part of the entry money above appointed. Providing alwise that by this present grant the said society be oblidged to apply their entries and interests of their present stock and what arises therefrom amongst their poor for their support, and for defraying the expence of their other publick and necessar concerns so far as the same will extend to. And likewise that the said omnigatherum shall from time to time when required render ane accompt to the magistrates and toun councill present and to come of their common stock and entries and how the same are applied. Hereby declaring that the usuall number of the members of said omnigatherum shall be oblidged to go the yearly fairs, and do other publick services thereat and on all other necessar occasions to this burgh, when called thereto according to use and wont. And furder declaring that this present grant is only to continue during the provost, baillies, and toun councill of this burgh

present and to come, their pleasure, and to be subject alwise to rescision, alteration, restriction, or innovation, as they shall find cause; with and under which speciall provision and declaration this present act and grant is made and past and no otherwise. And in testimony hereof the dean of gild, as preses of councill, has in their names subscrived this present act and grant, ane extract whereof signed by the toun clerk being hereby declared to be as sufficient to all intents and purposes as if this present were signed by the whole magistrates and toun councill; and the great seall of this burgh is hereby appointed to be appended to the extract hereof.

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23 *February*, 1723.

It was represented to the council by Andrew M'Lequham, merchant, burges of the said burgh, taxman of the shoar maill and anchorage thereof, that of late there came up severall boats with goods to the shoar that went off without paying any anchorage, and particularly on Wednesdays night last, the twentieth currant, there came up two boatts from Airth with daills and trees to John Christie from one M'Apine, merchant in Airth, which after livering the goods were carried off by the sailers without payment of the anchorage, after application had been made Thursday last to baillie Galloway to give orders to ane officer to bring back some of the persons who had brought up the saids two last boats while these persons were in toun, or take ane poynd furth thereof till the anchorage was paid, the officer having ordered them to pay the anchorage, upon which they gott into the boats and thrust them off from the shoar, except one of the men who run away and followed and run a piece by land to gett aboard of one of the boats, and so went off without paying the anchorage, to the taxmans great prejudice, and which will no doubt continue to be so practised unless the council authorize their taxman summarly at their oun hand, when boats come to and anchor at this shoar, and the saillers or ouners refuse to pay their anchorage or absent themselves from their boats to avoid paying thereof, in said case to take a poynd out of the boats till payment of the anchorage. Which being considered by the magistrats and councill, they find it reasonable that such base practises so manifestly to the prejudice of the revenues of this burgh be prevented; therefore and for the more effectual doing thereof, they hereby authorize and impower the taxman of the said shoar maill and anchorage, present and to

Act for the better recovering the anchorage.

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come, after boats come to and anchor at this shoar, and that the saillers or ouners refuse to pay their anchorage or absent themselves from their boats to evade paying theirof, in said case summarly at the taxmans own hand to take a poynd out of the boats, one or moe, till payment of the anchorage theirof, and to detain the same till payment theirof be made according to use and wont and the priviledges indulged in this burgh by their chartours and grants of the said shoar maill and anchorage and other publick revenues theirof.

13 *April*, 1723.

Giving back seats to kirk session.

The magistrats and council [renounce and] grant to the kirk session the seats in the body or area of the church not formerly allocate, to be sett and disposed of by the said kirk sessione for the use and behove of the poor thereof in all time hereafter; with this express condition and provisione alwise that the kirk sessione give and grant the two dasks [in the body of the church immediately bewest the entry or door to provost Napiers seat, consisting each of these two dasks of three seats or rooms,] to James Wallace and John Galloway, bailies, equally, for accomodations of themselves and families in the church during their interest or residence in this burgh, upon their paying a reasonable value therefore to the kirk session for the use of the poor, under the condition of these dasks being removed when the sacrament of the Lords supper beis dispensed in said church.

24 *December*, 1723.

March stones.

Recomend to the magistrats, dean of gild, and conveener, to cause number the march stones belonging to this burgh, and to cause putt the figure of the number upon each of them that their number may be known, and to enquire what became of these march stones that were wanting.

22 *February*, 1724.

List of the poor.

The council recommend to the magistrats to goe through their respective quarters of the burgh and take up a list of the poor therein properly belonging thereto, and of the stranger poor at present therein, that such strangers may be ordered to depart furth thereof and be no further burdensome thereto; as also recomend to the saids magistrats to enquire about the proposals made some years agoe for the maintenance of the poor of this burgh, and consider what will be the properest method for rendering the same effectual.

2 *June*, 1724.

Transactions made with Mr. Brisbane.

The committee formerly appointed to treate with Mr. Brisbane anent his discharging the toun of their engagement by the agreement betwixt this burgh and him anent his locall stipend, and the towns assigning and retrocessing him to the said stipend from and after such term or time as they should agree to, and allowing him a resonable gratification in consideration of his quitting the said former bargain so burthensome to the burgh, made report that they had mett and communed with Mr. Brisbane theiranent, and had offered him one thousand merks Scots to discharge as above upon the touns assigning and retrocessing him for the cropt and year 1724 and in all time thereafter during his incumbency, and that the said Mr. Brisbane had cordally agreed thereto; which being considered by the council, they unanimously approve of the said report and authorize and impower the toun thesaurer for them and in their names to retrocess and assign Mr. Brisbane to his locall stipend for and after cropt and year 1724, upon Mr. Brisbanes delivering up and amply discharging the said agreement and fully exonering the burgh theirof *quoad futurum*, and likewayes of what payable by the said burgh by the forsaid agreement to the said minister in place of his locall stipend att and preceeding the term of Whitsunday last, and the presbitery of Sterling their approving theirof.

3 *June*, 1724.

Repairing of prison walls and discharging setting of cellar.

The provost, baillies, and town council, considering the insufficiency of the partition walls by reason of the thinness theirof of the severall prisons below the tolbooth, and that the other walls of saids prisons are likewise in some parts insufficient, and likewayes that the setting of one of the saids prisons to be a cellar to a private person has been the occasion of Robertsons escape, he having come out at the cellar door, do therefore appoint the partition and other walls of the saids prisons to be made sufficient by thickning theirof, or otherwayes as the magistrats shall direct, and recomend to the magistrats, dean of gild, and conveener, to cause do the same with all convenient expedition, and to take what advice they shall think fitt theiranent for making the walls sufficient; and discharge the setting of any of the saids prisons to any private person for whatever occasion in any time hereafter; and ordain the foresaid cellar to be emptied of any liquors or others therein, and the key theirof to be delivered to the treasurer for the publick use and

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service of the burgh, and declare that there is no rent to be exacted for the said cellar since Whitsunday last.

John Ewing, maltman, burges of Sterling, one of the cautioners to the burgh for the diligence, fidelity, and care of Archibald Moir, jaylor of the tolbooth of the said burgh, compeared personally in council, and in regaird of John Robertson, prisoner, his escaping lately furth of prison, which appeared to be through the negligence of the said jaylor, he declared he would continue no longer engaged as above.

4 *June*, 1724.

Colin M'Lourie, jaylor.

The provost, baillies, and toun council, nominate and appoint Colin M'Lowrie, deacon of the hammermen, jaylor or keeper of the tolbooth of this burgh and prisons thereof, furth and from this date during the council present or to come their pleasure, and allow him the same weekly sallery or fiall of twenty four shilling Scots that Archibald Moir, former jaylor, had, and that besides the ordinar jaylor fialls in use to be paid by prisoners for debt or otherwise.

27 *June*, 1724.

Act declaring a burges ticket void.

The magistrats and toun council being conveened, baillie Gallaway represented to them that yesterday in the afternoon Margaret Clark, washer wife, having complained to him upon Francis Hunter, carver, a gratis burges of this burgh, for thirty eight shilling Scots the said Francis was resting her for washing and mending of his cloaths, and that the said baillie having caused conveen the said Francis before him he judicially acknowledged the same, whereupon the baillie ordained him either to make payment theirof to her or to be imprisoned till he paid the same, and that the said Francis not having paid was imprisoned and allowed the benefite of open prison as a burges, who, notwithstanding of his oath to be a faithful burges, contraveened the foresaid sentence and authority by coming out of the tolbooth at the evening without liberty and going to James Cusheys, taylor, where he was apprehended and brought back to prison; and theirfor the said baillie left it to the council to proceed against Hunter on account forsaid as they should think fitt; and the said Francis Hunter being brought before and examined by the council on what above represented, he the said Francis Hunter judicially acknowledged that he was imprisoned for the above thirty eight shilling resting by him, and afterwards went out of prison without liberty in

regard he was terrified to lye in prison all night, two malefactors having been taken furth of the tolbooth and execute yesterday, and came in the councils will for breaking of prison or coming out thereof in manner forsaid without liberty. [The magistrates and council declared Hunter's burgess right to be forfeited, and he was ordered to be kept in prison till the 38 s. be paid.]

Act declaring a burges ticket void.

25 *July*, 1724.

The council appoint Andrew Wright, toun thesaurer, to give to John Cunninghame, toun officer, six pound Scots for his going twice to Alloa and bringing back two women, that had left their young children in this burgh to be a burden theirto, and waiting severall days on the hangman before the late executions.

£6 to toun officer; execution.

1 *August*, 1724.

The council considering the great decorement that John Don, sheriff clerk, has made to the street of the Baxters Wynd by building a spacious lodging at the head of Bells Closs and the wings to his entry thereto from the said street, one quhairof is presently in building and the other designed, they for his encouragement quitt and discharge all bygone few or ground annualls that were resting owing to the said burgh furth of the ground or houses in Bells Closs purchased and acquired by the said John Don.

Renouncing the feu duties, &c., to clerk Don.

21 *November*, 1724.

The council approve of ane accompt spent in the council house with General Wade and others, being £53 5 s. Scots money.

General Wade.

14 *December*, 1724.

The council revive all former acts made anent the magistrats visiting their severall quarters for purging the same of extranious louse and idle persons, and of new recomend to the magistrats to goe through their severall quarters, and to call each of them a merchant and a trades councillour to their assistance, and take up a list of the poor within this burgh really belonging theirto, and of any other extranious persons, that such may be putt out of the burgh for preventing its being over burdened with extranious poor, as it has been for a long time past, and to the end [the poor] really belonging to the burgh may have badges given them for their better subsistance.

Poor of the burgh.

2 *January*, 1725.

St. Ninians mercate.

The council appoint John Don, toun thesaurer, to give to Charles Ross, procurator fiscall, six pound Scots for his pains and expenses in going severall times of late to St. Ninians on mercate days and helping to bring in fleshes to the mercate of this burgh that were selling at St. Ninians.

6 *February*, 1725.

Grant in favours of the maltmen.

The magistrates and toun councill having considered the representation formerly given in to them by Thomas Archibald, visitor, John Thomsone, Thomas Campbell, and James Nicoll, merchants and maltmen, burgesses of the said burgh, and Andrew Muirhead, maltman, burgess there, present masters of the incorporation of maltmen within the said burgh, for themselves and in name and behalf of the remanent maltmen therein, as being authorized by their act of court to the effect aftermentioned, humbly shewing that where the maltmen within this burgh their being imbodied or incorporate, having been for many years bypast, by indulgence and under the shadow and protection of the saids magistrats and councill and their predecessors in office, the maltmen have alwise gratefully acknowledged the same and would never presume to do or enact any thing in relation to their entries or other publick concerns of any moment without speciall allowance from or authority of the saids magistrates and councill or their forsaids for that effect, from whom they have had many favourable grants and concessions; and seeing that the better regulation of the entries with the maltmen as to the particulars aftermentioned, nor what has been hitherto provided, might in all appearance tend to the increase of the maltmens stock or common good, and consequently to the furder releif and support of their poor; and seeing that other incorporations have provided and enacted that no child or childeren of any intrant with such a society, being married or forisfamiliat time of their father or father in law's entry therewith, shall have any priveledge or advantage therby, but when they come to enter with any such incorporation and be admitted as members thereof they pay thereto for their entry as strangers, and that the representants humbly conceived it might be judged as reasonable that the incorporation of maltmen should be as far allowed, indulged, or priviledged that way, as others lay down rules to themselves, and that no hardship can justly be pretended by any such indulgence or concession from the said councill, since

that such as neglect to enter in due time, before their children be married or forisfamiliat, have themselves only to blame if their children suffer thereby by paying dearer for their entry with the maltmen then they would otherwise have done had their parents entered in due time for their advantage, and therefore craving to the effect underwritten; which being upon the thirtieth of January last tabled, and then and now read in publick councill, they find the desire of the representation reasonable and grant the same; and hereby not only ratify and approve of all their former acts and grants in favours of the said maltmen, but also statute, enact, and appoint that the child or childeren of any person or persons entering with the maltmen, who be married or forisfamiliat time of their parents entry with the maltmen, shall have no ease, benefite, or advantage by their saids parents entry, but be oblidged to pay as strangers, when they shall enter as maltmen, to the thesaurer or box-master of the said incorporation. **Grant in favours of the maltmen.**

8 *February*, 1725.

The council recomends to provost Johnston, the magistrats, dean of gild, and conveener, to meet with Mr. Dickie, watchmaker, to sight the touns clock and consider whether it will be best to cause mend her or make ane new clock. **Touns clock.**

1 *May*, 1725.

The council, as patrons of the Neather Hospital, appoint the masters theirof to give to the laird of Cambus Wallace and James Watson, merchants, twelve pounds Scots for defraying the expence of planting trees on the walk in the Back brae. **Planting the Back brae.**

19 *June*, 1725.

The council considering how much it would contribute to the trade of this burgh if the toun and abbay foords of the water of Forth were red and cleared, that vessels might come the length of the shoar of Stirling, recomend to the magistrats, provost Johnston, dean of gild, and conveener, to take the advice of knowing people in that affair and to cause red the saids foords by lifting and taking out the big stones and others therein, and to doe every other thing thereanent which will most tend to the advantage of the burgh; and declare they will approve of the expences that beis paid out on that account. **Reding the toun and abbay foords.**

Correction house.

Recomend to the magistrats, dean of gild, and conveener, to provide a house, vaults, or some other proper house of correction, for keeping the poor of the shire and others to be putt therein, conform to act of parliament and late act of the commissioners of supplie of this shire.

2 *October*, 1725.

£4 16s. for a carpet.

The provost presented a letter to him from William Pearson, vintner in Edinburgh, acquainting the provost that Robert Anderson, servant to Boquhan, having paid at London four pound sixteen shillings starling for a carpet to the council house of this burgh, had drawn bill therfore upon the provost payable to the said William Pearson, which being considered by the magistrats and council they appoint John Don, late toun thesaurer, to pay to provost Johnston the said four pound sixteen shillings starling.

10 *November*, 1725.

Corn mercate and setts of the customs.

The magistrats and council, before proceeding to the setting of the annual customs of this burgh for ane year to come after Martinmas next inclusive, judge it necessar that there be a corn mercate in this burgh for oats or corn and pease and beans, either in the meall mercate thereof or any other part that the council shall think fitt and provide, and for the encouragement thereof statute, enact, and appoint that, during the council present and to come their pleasure, all such corn or oats, pease and beans, that shall be brought to and laid doun in the corn mercate shall be free from all payment of any laidle or other dues furth thereof, and of all custome, single and double, at the bridge, Burrowsgate, and Ballengiech therefore, and that the taxmen who shall take these customes shall have the same sett with the said burden. And furder, the council considering that, through some design or manadgement of the last taxman of the touns fishing of the water of Forth, the free fishing boat thereon which belongs to the first minister of this burgh was unsett for the last year, therefore, and for preventing the like for this year, provide and enact that the touns said fishing shall be sett for the ensuing year with the burden of the said free fishing boat belonging to the first minister being allwise first sett, not under sixteen pound Scots for the said year, before the taxman can sett any of the touns fishing cobles, and that the taxman be answerable to any who beis first minister for the said sixteen pound.

The council appoint intimation of ane weekly mercate of corn or oats and pease and beans to be kept within this burgh in the meall mercate therof, or such other place as the council shall appoint and provide, free of laidle money and other meall mercate dues, and of customs, single or double, either at the bridge, Burrowsgate or Ballengiech, during the councils pleasure, for such of saids grains as shall be brought to and laid doun in the mercate for sale, to be made by publick bank through this burgh upon Friday next the twelvth currant, that the country may be acquainted therof for their encouragement to bring their oats, pease and beans, to be sold thereat. **Act for ane corn mercate.**

13 *November*, 1725.

The provost, baillies, and toun council of the said burgh, taking to consideration the vacancy of the function of first minister of this burgh by the decease of the reverend Mr. James Brisbane, their late eminent and worthy pastor, and how desireable it were the same should be speedily supplied, they did and hereby doe nominate and appoint doctor James Johnston, provost, [and four others, to desire the presbytery to moderate in a call]. **Call to the first minister.**

22 *January*, 1726.

The council having considered the representation formerly given in to them by Anna Rennie, schoolmistress in Stirling, read upon the eighteenth of January last and ordained to lye upon the table to this day, and now again read, and that her qualifications and fitness for the education and instruction of girles in this burgh, and others who may come from the country thereto to be taught and instructed, in suing of white and colloured seams, washing, dressing, &c., is sufficiently known by some years experience, they, for her encouragement to stay in this burgh and keep a school therein for the end forsaid, doe hereby nominate and appoint her schoolmistress within this burgh to the effect forsaid, and for her better encouragement to teach and instruct as above they grant and allow to her the yearly sallary of fifty merks Scots, doted and mortified by former acts of council to be paid to a schoolmistress within this burgh for the more easy and better education and instruction of girles within this burgh, and strangers that may come thereto, in suing, sheaping, washing, dressing, &c.; with this provision alwise, that whatever crape the said Anna Rennie shall stand in need of for making dead cloaths she shall buy the **Act installing Anna Rennie school-mistress.**

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same from the merchants within this burgh, as she shall be directed by her employers, or find she can be most conveniently furnished by merchants in this burgh, when her employers doe not furnish the crape themselves, the merchants from whom she shall buy allwise furnishing her in sufficient crape and at as easy rates as she could be served from other burghs, expence of carriage considered.

Grant to the mechanicks.

The council, upon the representation formerly given in to them by the mechanicks of this burgh, past ane ratification act and grant in favours of the said mechanicks, which was read in council and is recorded and signed by the preses in the principall council book.

30 *April*, 1726.

Anent redding the abbay foord.

The provost, baillies, and toun councill, recommend to the provost to write to Mr. M'Gill, architect, to come up to Sterling to view the abbay foord and give his advice what will be the most proper way and method for redding the said foord of the stones therein, deepning and making the same more navigable without hazard to vessells, and what toolls and instruments will be necessar to be provided for that end; and nominate and appoint the provost, baillies, dean of gild, conveener and treasurer, or plurality of them, to take the said Mr. M'Gill his advice therein, and from time to time to give orders for prosecuting thereof, and to call what other persons they shall think fitt to their assistance therein till the work be compleated, and to give orders for preparing what toolls or instruments may be necessar thereto and for payment thereof, and to give such gratification to Mr. M'Gill for his travail and advice as they shall think fitt.

26 *May*, 1726.

Meason admitted burgess; manse.

Receives and admitts Robert Hendersone, meason, to the liberty and freedome of a neighbour and burges of this burgh, who being present made faith as use is. And the councill considering the great pains the said Robert was att in drawing ane handsome draught of the alteration of the first minister's manse of this burgh, they quitt his entry payable to the burgh, being twenty four pound Scots, for and in remuneration thereof.

Transcribing chartour granted by King Charles II.

Recommends to the dean of gild and conveener to look out the chartour granted be King Charles the Second to this burgh and deliver the same to the clerk to be transcribed, that the councill and other inhabitants of this

burgh may have access to read the same in the clerks chamber, and that the principall chartour after it beis transcribed may be returned to the touns chartour house.

Transcribing chartour granted by King Charles II.

13 *June*, 1726.

The committee appointed for overseeing the redding and deepning the abbay and toun foords in the water of Forth reported that ane offer had been made to them by Thomas Campbell, present toun treasurer, and Robert Willisone, tenant in Hood of the abbay of Cambuskenneth, to redd and deepen the head of the abbay foord in such a manner that for sixty foot breadth and seventy foot in length they should redd out the stones and other obsticles to the navigation on the top of the said foord, so that in the whole forsaid space there shall be two foot more deepness than there is att present, after meiths taken at the beg stone of the present surface of the channell, which is to be marked by two to be appointed by the councill and other two by the said Thomas Campbell and Robert Willisone, and the place of beginning and ending the said redding and deepning to be appointed by the said two persons to be chosen by each party; which proposall they undertake for the reward of fifteen pound starling, ten pound whereof to be paid and advanced immediately, and the other fyve pound at compleating the work; providing that if in the redding a confirmed whinn rock (which cannot be done without burning and blowing) occurr, which if it happens they shall report to the councill, who are to take to their consideration how the same shall be removed, and what proportionall part of the reward proposed they shall have for what they have done. Which report and proposall the toun councill taking to their serious consideration, they have unanimously aggreed to it, and hereby appoint Robert Wingate, present dean of guild, and James Buchanan, present deacon conveener, to enter into a contract in name of the toun councill of Sterling with the said Thomas Campbell and Robert Willisone in the above mentioned terms of proposall.

Act anent redding the abbay foord.

18 *June*, 1726.

The provost, baillies, and toun councill of the said burgh, having considered the proposall made to them be John Watson, writter in Stirling, recorded on the thirteenth of June current, for making the Long Calsie from the bridge to the end of the said calsie a sufficient road, so far as not already

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channelled, by laying two foots of calsie att least on each side of the calsie or road with great stones, and laying the rest thereof with stones flatt, two or three inches lower than the calsie on the sides, and covering the same with gravell and sand, and furnishing all materialls and workmanship thereto, and to uphold and leave the same in sufficient condition for the space and att the end of fourty years from and after the finishing of the said work, and to find sufficient caution for doing thereof, viz., James and Robert Watsons, merchants in Stirling, John Don, sherreif clerk of Sterling, William Stirling, chyrurgeon, and William Urquhart, wryter there, and that for the rate of six pounds Scots for the rude of measure. The magistratts and council after reasoning thereon agree to the said proposall.

Grant of buriall place to John Watson.

Johne Watsone, wryter in Sterling, represented to the magistratts that albeit he has considerable property within this burgh yet he hes no place for burying assigned for him and his family therein, and there is a void betwixt the two pillars or buttrages at the east end of the Inner Church without the wall thereof on the northeast side of the stair leading up to the schollars laft, which would serve for the end forsaid, and that he is content if allowed to him to build ane aceler stone dyke on the front or outside thereof, six foot high or thereby, for inclosing thereof, and therefore creaved the magistratts and councill would grant and allote the same to him and his heirs to the end forsaid; which being considered by the magistratts and councill, they find the desire reasonable, and that the granting thereof can be no way prejudiciall to the said church or any person, and therefor hereby give, grant, and allote, to the said John Watsone and his heirs the forsaid piece of void ground betwixt the forsaids two pillars or buttrages, to be inclosed on his own charges in manner above mentioned, and possest by the said John and his forsaids for their burying place in all time coming.

2 *July*, 1726.

Maltmen and mechanicks to collect offering.

Having considered the petition given in to them by the kirk session of this burgh, they appoint the visitor of the maltmen and deacon or overseer of the mechanicks and their successors alternatly to order one of their number to attend at the foot of the stair leading to the maltmens seat and mechanicks loft in the church each sermon day, whether on the Lords day or week day, with a plate or cup in order to collect the offerings that beis given by those that enter that way for the use of the poor.

16 *July*, 1726.

The magistratts and councill having considered the representation given in to them be Andrew Muirhead, visitor of the maltmen, and masters of the same maltmen, for themselves and in name of the remanent members of the said society of maltmen, creaving the councill might rectify their act of the second of July current and to exeem the maltmen from said appointment in respect they have not their entry to but only their exit from the church by the door they were allowed severall years ago to strick out on their oun charges, and that the maltmen do not enter by the said door, and had the forsaid priviledge of stricking out the same allowed them with the express provision that they should not enter to the church by the same, but only have their exit thereat; and in regaird such ane appointment would be most injurious to the maltmen if continued upon them, since the time they should stand, whether on the Lord's day or week day, would for the most part interfier with the time when they behoved to turn or work their malt when on the floor, which is known to be a work of necessity, otherwayes the same would entirely spoil. The council, in respect of the saids weighty reasons and that the maltmen were no way apprised of the ingiving of the petition mentioned in the foresaid act of councill and whereon it proceeded, rescind and recall the said act of the second of July current so far as relates to the maltmen, and free them from standing alternatly with the mechannicks as thereby appointed, and that so long as the maltmen shall not enter to the church by the forsaid door; but declare the forsaid act and appointment to continue in force as to the mechannicks, and appoint them allenarly by turns successively, one after another, to stand and collect as thereby appointed in all time coming, in respect they promised so to do att obtaining the liberty to erect their laft.

Act exeeming maltmen from collecting.

20 *August*, 1726.

Anent the representation of Patrick Morisone, present deacon of the incorporation of cordners within the said burgh, for himself and in name of the remanent members thereof, formerly given in to the saids magistrats and councill, humbly shewing that where albeit the members of said incorporation, by the constitution of their trade and regulation of the burgh, pay considerably for their entry with both, and bear scot and lot by quartering, watching, &c., proportionally with any other tradesmen incorporate in said burgh, yet their

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trade and handycraft and priviledge thereof is by far most encroached upon by country cordners, and especially these living in that part of the Castlehill pretended to be within the constabulary, and other confines of this burgh, and thereby can and do make the most frequent encroatchments in respect of their nighness to the burgh by taking measures therein, or though without the same by conveying the made shoes or other cordner work to their employers therein in such clandestine way and manner as cannot be easily discovered or found out, and although by the custome of the said trade and unquestionable power of their priviledge they have, past memory of man, been in use by any of their members or officer of their trade to seise upon made work belonging to the cordner craft, when made or done by any unfreemen and brought into and found within this burgh for the use of any of the inhabitants thereof, except upon fair dayes or the weekly mercate day, where such made work has been presented and exposed to sale in the mercate place within the time allowed for that end by the constitution of the burgh, and to confiscate such shoes or other made work besides payment of a fine; yet as such discoveries are hard to be made, and by cunning and shamm frequently evaded, so the representant and his trade humbly conceive that were the saids magistratts and councill their authority specially interposed to the said trades former custome and practice in such particular way and manner as would tend to the disappointment of such evasions and clandestine mannagements, such indirect practices and encroatchments would be more effectually prevented; and therefore craving the saids magistrats and councill might be pleased to take the premisses to their serious consideration, and not only to ratifie [their previous privileges but also make certain statutes for their farther advantage. The council thereupon not only ratified all former acts and grants in favor of the cordiners], but also statute and enact that no cordner not entered with this burgh and said incorporation of cordners therein shall in any time coming have power to take any measures of shoes or other cordner work therein, or carry and use any measuring instruments or worklooms thereto, or to send or bring made work to the same unless to the public fairs or weekly mercate as above, and that under the pain of three pound Scots money to be paid by each country cordner contraveening, *toties quoties*, as such unfree cordners be apprehended within the said burgh, taken before a magistrat and convict of said transgression; and hereby allow and authorise the masters or officer of

the said incorporation of cordners, upon suspicion of cordner made work by unfreemen, their servants, or others, being brought to this burgh for the use of any of the inhabitants thereof, to search for the same upon the publick streets, lanes, or passages thereof, and if found to seise upon and detain the said made work till the person with whom the same beis found be brought before and convict by a magistrat that the same is to or for the behoof of any of the inhabitants of this burgh, and that if so found the councill ordain the made work seised to be confiscate and the maker thereof fined as above, *toties quoties*, for such encroatchment and indirect practice against and to the prejudice of the said incorporation of cordners their priviledge. Providing and declaring alwise not only that the members of the said incoporation of cordiners within this burgh, present and to come, be bound and oblidged by the councills granting, and the said incorporations accepting hereof, to furnish and provide the burgesses and other inhabitants of this burgh and their servants and families from time to time, as the said cordiners be employed, with as good and sufficient shoes and other cordner work, both as to workmanship and leather, and att as reasonable rates, as the country cordiners can or may do but also, that the touns cordners when desired or employed to make shoes or other cordner work as above to any of the inhabitants thereof or any of their families, that they do it against the precise day they or any of them shall undertake to have them ready, under the pain of two pound money forsaid to be paid by each of the touns cordners so undertaking and failyeing to perform to any of the inhabitants that employs them and complanis to a magistrat for their failyie and neglect, unless the said cordner or cordners so undertaking and failyeing can give and instruct a sufficient excuse for the same, that the saids inhabitants be not trysted with such disappointments that way as severalls of them and these in their families have frequently hitherto been. Reserving alwise power and faculty to the saids magistrats and councill and their successors in office at any time hereafter to alter, rescind, or innovate this present act and grant, in haill or part, as they may find necessar cause for.

Act and grant in favours of the cordners.

6 *September*, 1726.

The councill appoint the dean of gild, att the expence of the gildry, to provide a silver fringe to the flagg of the gildrys stannard, and a leathern bagg to putt the flagg in for the better preservation thereof.

Silver fringe to the gildrys flagg.

10 *September*, 1726.

Repairing two wells.

It being represented to the councill that within these five years or thereby two young children have perisht in the draw-well by reason of the samen not being covered nor built about, the councill for preventing the like danger for the future appoint Thomas Campbell, toun treasurer, to cause cover or build about the said well in such sufficient way and manner as there may be no such danger that way, and likewise to cause repair Balines well att the foot of the Mary Wynd sufficiently that no such accident may fall out thereat.

£3 to quartermaster for extraordinar.

The councill considering the great trouble and fatigue that John Lowrie, quartermaster of this burgh, has had in the discharge of his office by reason of the generall's being two severall times in this burgh since Michaelmass last reviewing the forces, they, besides the four pound starling of sallary annually allowed him for the discharge of his said office, grant and allow to him three pound starling for his extraordinar pains in said space.

22 *September*, 1726.

£6 to Mr. M'Gill, architect.

The councill approve of the treasurers giving to provost Johnston to pay to Mr. M'Gill, architect, six pound starling for his pains in coming from Edinburgh and viewing the foords of the water of Foarth that were to be redd.

Expense of riding the fair.

The councill considering the great number of gentlemen and others that were invited to dinner att the riding of the last fair, whereby the expense thereof amounted to a considerable sum, they, for releiving the cornet and other young gild bretheren of a part thereof, appoint Thomas Campbell, toun treasurer, to pay in to James Nicoll, toun clerk, who furnisht the treat and liquors, the sum of twelve pound starling money in part of the expense thereof.

18 *October*, 1726.

Grant in favours of chapmen.

Anent the petition formerly given in to the saids provost, baillies, and toun councill, be Murdoch King, William Adam, John Watsone, James Jaffray, John Lockhart, James Hendersone and James Taylor, chapmen in the burgh and shyre of Sterling, for themselves and in name and behalf of the remanent chapmen therein that did or should concurr with them in said petition, humbly shewing that whereas in former times the chapmen within the said burgh and shyre were in use annually to elect one of their number to be their lord chapman, and other officers to bear rule over them for their better

government in the management and exercise of their small retail trade, and making up a fund for the support of their poor and preventing of frauds and abuses that might be practised by any of them in the exercise of their employment towards one another or the country by unfair deallings, and particularly by shortness of their weights or measures, especially in buying or selling at publick fairs or mercates, and punishing of such delinquents; and that the like practice is still continued amongst chapmen of other burghs and shyres, particularly in Perth, Fife, and others adjacent, without any detriment to or infringement on the magistrats civill power or infringement on the priviledges of gildries or gild bretheren; so there seems to be evidently as great reason and need for the chapmen in the said burgh and shyre of Sterling their being indulged or countenanced to incorporate or enter themselves into a joint society att this time to the end abovementioned as ever, for preventing such frauds and abuses which are no less frequent now than formerly, especially in the yairds and weights, much occasioned through the petitioners wanting of a lord chapman and other office bearers who, as they will have most frequent occasiones and nearest access to discover such, so can (if so indulged and countenanced) best prevent such indirect practices by punishing thereof according to the custome and rules of such societies in other burghs and shyres, and under such limitations, restrictions, and regulations, as the saids magistrats and councill should think fitt to appoint; and seeing that the saids chapmen their being so imbodied or incorporate and having allowance annually to elect a lord chapman and other office bearers amongst themselves to the effect above mentioned, by the saids magistrats and councill their countenance and authority, can never free or exeem the saids chapmen from being subject to the saids magistrats and councill their jurisdiction, or any way impare the same or their authority over the saids chapmen, nor in the least be a mean of their infringement on the rights and priviledges of the gildry of Sterling, or any way exeem and far less protect them from due punishment if they should transgress, but only tend to the better government of themselves in their way of trade and preventing of frauds and abuses therein. . . . . The saids provost, baillies, and haill remanent members of the town councill, as representing the community thereof, after full mature deliberation thereon unanimously found what creaved reasonable and granted the desire of the said petition in manner

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underwritten, and did and hereby do, with and under the provisions, declaration, regulation, power, and faculty after exprest, indulge and allow the saids petitioners, and such other chapmen within the said burgh and shyre as shall join with and adhere to them in said matter, to incorporate or imbody themselves into a tollerate society or incorporation of chapmen within the said burgh and shyre: with power to them and their successors, chapmen therein, annually to elect within the said burgh allennarly a lord chapman and other necessar office bearers amongst them for their better government and preventing frauds and abuses amongst them in manner forsaid in their trade or retailing; and to receive from intrants with them what is usuall in such cases in this or the adjacent shyres, to be alwise applied for the behoof of their poor; and to lay doun and enact such regulations, rules, and acts amongst themselves for the ends above mentioned as are or shall be consonant to the laws of the kingdome from time to time; and to punish such of their number as shall transgress their rules, regulations, and acts, that beis made amongst themselves to the ends above mentioned, by fines and unlaws or extrusion from their society therefore, as use is or has been practised by the like societies in such cases and as they shall find just cause; the samen fines to be alwise applied for the end above mentioned and the better support of their tollerate society; hereby declaring that this present grant shall be never construed any way prejudiciall to or inconsistent with the saids provost, baillies, and toun councill their authority over the saids chapmen, or the priviledges of the said gildry of Sterling in any respect whatever; but that the saids chapmen and each of them present or to come shall be as subject to the saids magistrats and councill their authority respectively, and for encroatchments on the gildrys priviledges, as they are presently att or have in any time past been subject or liable thereto for any delinquencies, transgressions, or encroachments, falling under their cognisance and determination. And reserving full power, liberty, and faculty to the saids magistrats and toun councill, and their successors in office att any time hereafter, to alter, rescind, or innovate this present act and grant, in haill or part, as they shall find and judge necessar cause for.

31 *December*, 1726.

£9 to some carriers.

Appoints Thomas Campbell, toun treasurer, to give to William and Alexander Chalmers, carriers, burgesses of this burgh, nine pound Scots for

and in liew of the loss they sustained in carrying the baggage of some companies and a troop from this to Auchterairder and Dunfermline, both in harvest last, the carters having been then taken two severall days from their harvest, and the said nine pound to be proportioned amongst the carriers themselves according to their respective carriages and losses.

£9 to some carriers.

3 *January*, 1727.

The councill being acquainted that the carters employed by the magistrates of this burgh to carry part of the baggage on Munday last, the 16th current, that belonged to two of the companies of brigadeer Groves regiment, from this to Linlithgow, had their horses and carts forcibly taken from them and detained, and next day thereafter taken to carry the heavy baggage of saids companies by order or allowance of some of the magistrats of Linlithgow from thence to Edinburgh, whereby the carts and horses have been much damnified, if not rendered useless, the toun councill judging the same to be most contrair to law, and ane unprecedented insult and abuse done to this burgh, recommend to the magistrats thereof to examine furder into the affair and prosecute the actors thereof, whether the magistrats of Linlithgow or any of them or their order or direction or any of the military, that all due satisfaction and reparation may be made therefore both to this burgh and to the carters, both with respect to the insult and oppression and damnage sustained by the carters thereby.

Prosecuting magistrates of Linlithgow about the carters.

6 *February*, 1727.

Appoint Thomas Campbell, toun treasurer, to give to Mr. David Helm, preacher in the north of Ireland, six pound six shilling Scots for helping to supply his and his familys present distrest condition.

Supplie to a preacher.

25 *February*, 1727.

Appoint Thomas Campbell, toun treasurer, to give to William Henry Allan, wright and merchant, six pound Scots for his pains in measuring the long calsie, plumbing the abbay foord two severall times, and measuring the windows glased in the kirk be John Aikman.

£6 to Wm. Henry Allan for measuring.

25 *March*, 1727.

Baillie Wingate, baillie Urquhart, and dean of gild Maiben, made report to the councill that in pursuance of the act of councill, the twentieth current, they had gone to Greenock, and thereat and att Newport Glasgow, and att

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other proper places by the way as they went to Greenock, they had conversed with and informed themselves by ministers and other creditable, judicious, and disinterested persons, anent the character and qualifications of Mr. William Erskine, schoolmaster at Greenock, and his fitness to succeed Mr. Thomas Darling, late schoolmaster of this burgh, and that from all hands they conversed with or spoke to on that head, and particularly from the minister of Greenock and many others therein they gott a very savoury accompt about the said Mr. Erskine, both as to his sufficiency in letters, prudentialls, government of his schollars, sobriety of life, and tenderness of conversation, loyalty to his Majesty, and other qualifications fitting and capacitating him to be a very proper person for supplying the present vacancy of a schoolmaster in this place, and that they had afterwards conversed with Mr. Erskine himself, acquainted him of the councills design and desired him to come up as soon as possible to commune with the magistrats and councill anent the settling him in the forsaid office, and told him they expected his compliance and behooved to have his answer, to which he gave them this return that it being new to him he would advise thereon, and, if he came not up himself, would write his answer to the magistrats and councill as soon as possible. Of which report the councill unanimously approved and gave their commissioners the councills hearty thanks for their pains and prudent management in said matter.

29 *April*, 1727.

Accompt approven.

The councill approve of a particular accompt of two pound five shillings and ten pence starling paid out by Thomas Campbell, toun treasurer, to John Paton, stationer in Edinburgh, for the Brittish acts of parliament, undecimo and duodecimo, bound, and acts of assembly from 1721 to 1725, both inclusive.

27 *May*, 1727.

Anent grammar schoolmaster and augmenting quarter payments.

The councill, taking to their serious consideration that in pursuance of their former acts Mr. William Erskine, late schoolmaster at Greenock, has now come up in order to enter into contract with this burgh and be settled as master of the grammar school thereof, the councill for his better encouragement thereto declare and appoint that the former sallary of five hundered merks Scots yearly shall be payable to the said Mr. William Erskine as schoollmaster forsaid, that he shall have the possession of the schooll and

schoollhouse and the same upheld to him as former schoolmasters had, that he shall have the possession of the yaird formerly possest be the schoollmaster and lately acquired by this burgh without payment of any rent therefore to this burgh, and that there shall be due and payable to him as schoolmaster forsaid quarterly the following quarter payments, viz., eight shilling for and by each boy that beis putt to learn the English in said grammar schooll, and ten pence for and by each boy that beis putt to learn the Latin in said schooll, besides his Candlemass offering, but prejudice to him to receive more from any of the touns boys if their parents or others taking care of them in their generosity give it, and likewise but prejudice to him to take from gentlemen and outentouns bairns according to the discretion of the givers and as he and they shall aggree; and also providing that all male childeren above six years of age within the said burgh shall come to the said schooll, and that it shall not be lawfull for any above that age to be taught in any other schooll within the said burgh, neither shall any have liberty to keep schooll for that effect therein; and, lastly, it is hereby declared that the said Mr. William Erskine is to continue schoolmaster forsaid *ad vitam aut culpam*, and that he shall be taken engaged in the contract that beis made with him to serve and continue in the forsaid station accordingly.

Anent grammar schoolmaster and augmenting quarter payments.

24 *June*, 1727.

It being represented to the councill that the church bells of this burgh are in danger of falling by reason of the deficiency of the gudgeons, the councill recommend to the dean of gild and conveener, William Henry Allan, merchant councillour, and deacon Blackader, to sight the saids bells and to give directions for mending the gudgeons and what else necessar.

Act anent the church bells.

30 *June*, 1727.

The provost, baillies, and toun councill of the said burgh, being conveened, signed an address to his Majesty, condoling our late sovereign lord King George his demise and congratulating his Majesty on his accession to the crown and dignity of these realms, and recommended to provost Johnston to transmitt the same to the laird of Boquhan, member of parliament for this burgh and the burghs adjoined thereto, to be presented by him to his Majesty.

Act anent an address to King George the Second.

12 *August*, 1727.

Act installing the towns pyper.

The councill appoints Alexander Glass, pyper at St. Ninians, to be town piper of this burgh during the councills pleasure, and to go thro' this burgh playing with his pypes every week day at four aclock in the morning and at seven aclock at night, and allowes him thirty six pound Scots of sallary yearly; and declare they will allow him a meet bodied coat with the towns livery thereon, and a blew bannet with a cock of ribbons on it, once every two years during his continuance in said office; providing that the said Alexander Glass be oblidged not to go out of this burgh without liberty first asked and obtained thereto from one of the magistratts from time to time, and that only to be absent to go thro' at seven at night when his absence is absolutely necessar, but declaring it shall not be in the power of any of the magistrates present or to comè to admitt of the said pypers absence to go thro' at four aclock each morning.

26 *August*, 1727.

Black cloaths on magistrats lafts, &c.

Approve of a particular accompt due to James Brown, deacon of the taylors, extending to £18 19 s., for mending and altering the black cloaths on the magistrats and other lafts in the church and some furnishings thereto.

2 *December*, 1727.

£12 12 s. to a minister in Ireland.

Appoints Andrew M'Lewham, toun treasurer, to give to Mr. James Stewart, minister of the gospell in Kirkdonald in Ireland, twelve pound twelve shilling Scots for helping to build a meeting house there, the said Mr. Stewart being sufficiently recommended for that effect.

29 *January*, 1728.

Accompt about prisoners who broke prison.

The councill considering the great trouble and fatigue that the toun officers of this burgh have gott of late about the publick concerns thereof, and particularly in searching after William Walker and John Gardner when they had broke prison, they allow the saids officers twelve pound Scots therefore.

6 *April*, 1728.

Act and recommendation anent the grammar schooll.

The councill taking to their serious consideration the complaints that have been made to them by severalls of the burgesses, and other inhabitants of this burgh and others, of the non proficiency of many of the boys att the

grammar schooll of the said burgh, and particularly of those of them who are learning the English, writting and compting, through the neglect or default of the doctors in said schooll, by reason of their wanting of authority over these whom they teach, and of a due way and method of communicating what they teach to these under their inspection, and that the magistrats att their last visitation of the schooll found it upon examination to be so, and being fully perswaded that one sufficient English doctor capable to teach writting and arithmetick may serve for that end to instruct these boys who are putt to the said schooll therein, and being likewise of opinion that the best method for regulating the said schooll and providing the same with sufficient doctors or under teachers is to referr the recommendation and nomination of fitt persons for discharging the same to Mr. William Erskine, head master of the said schooll; therefore, and for the better proffiting the youths that are att or beis putt thereto, [they empowered him to nominate such doctors or under teachers as he may judge most efficient], that the councill may continue or install them accordingly.

Act and recommendation anent the grammar schooll.

3 *August*, 1728.

The councill approve of the two accompts given in be William Henry Allan, painter, viz., of one of sixteen pound ten shilling for making a new wheell to the bigg bell in the church steeple, and of another of ninteen pound ten shilling for a new press for sealling the burgess tickets, and for whitening and painting George Hendersons roums.

Bell in church steeple, &c.

17 *August*, 1728.

It being represented to the councill that the convention of burrows, by ane act att their last meeting, appointed the sealls of the royall burrows to be sent in to the lord lyon king att arms in order that he may inspect if they be taken out or cutt without acknowledging his lordship or his predecessors in that office, and that under a certain penalty to be forfeited by each burgh failyeing, the councill in consideration thereof recommend to the dean of gild and deacon conveener to transmitt this burghs great seall, consisting of two halfs, and this burghs small seall, the bigg one being copper and the small silver, and to take care the same be carefully returned, and the saids sealls given up to the dean of gild and conveener for that end in face of councill.

Sending in towns sealls to the lord lyon.

14 *September*, 1728.

Grant to the barbers and weigmakers.

The councill having under their serious consideration a representation and petition given in to them severall months ago be James Lockart, barber and weigmaker and merchant burges of this burgh, present overseer to the tollerat incorporation or society of barbers and weigmakers within the same, for himself and in name of the remanent members of said incorporation, creaving upon the grounds therein sett furth that the magistrats and councill might now raise or augment the entries of such barbers and weigmakers as are strangers who shall hereafter enter neighbours burgesses with this burgh, as their wisdoms should think fitt, both with respect to the entry money payable by such to this burgh and to the said tollerat society of barbers and weigmakers therein; which having been att first presenting thereof and on severall dyets of councill since read in public councill, and being maturely deliberat by the saids magistrats and councill, they (butt prejudice to or innovation of the said tollerat incorporation of barbers their act and grant the first of September one thousand seven hundered and eighteen from the then magistrats and toun councill except in so far as the entries of such being strangers are altered hereby in manner underwritten) by this present act appoint, statute, and ordain that in all time coming, during the magistrats and councill present and to come their pleasure, each barber or weigmaker, being a stranger, who beis hereafter admitted to enter neighbour and burges of this burgh, shall pay to the toun treasurer for the time for behoof of this burgh twenty four pounds Scots for his entry as neighbour burges, and to the said tollerat society of barbers for his entry with them sixteen pound money forsaid, notwithstanding such entries were lower by the forsaid act and grant. Providing always, as it is hereby specially provided that the entry money payable to this burgh by the sons and apprentices of such barbers and weigmakers as are freemen of this burgh and entered with the said tollerat society shall still be and continue as formerly according to the said former act and grant.

17 *September*, 1728.

Act rejecting the taylors and fleshers leets, &c.

The incorporation of taylors having sent up James Cushnie, jaylor, and Thomas Wallace, castle souldier, and the incorporation of fleshers having sent up John Balfour, castle souldier, members of their respective leets from their

trades to the councill, the councill reject the said James Cushnie, as being jaylor and so incapable of being one of the leet from his trade, and the said Thomas Wallace and John Balfour, as being castle souldiers and thereby incapable to elect or be elected, as being under the influence and command of their officers; and appoint the respective deacons of the saids two incorporations of taylors and fleshers immediatly to conveen the members of their respective trades to make choice of sufficient persons thereof and send them up to the councill for and in place of the saids three persons so rejected, and that under the pain of one hundered pound Scots each of the saids trades; and the councill declare and enact that in no time coming any souldier in the castle or in any regiment, or any of the touns servants, though entered with any of the incorporat trades, shall be capable to elect or be elected, sent up or received, as a member of the leets from any of the incorporat trades.

Act rejecting the taylors and fleshers leets, &c.

2 *November*, 1728.

It being overtured that a new clock should be provided to the towns steeple of this burgh because the present clock is very insufficient, the councill nominat [a committee] to consider thereof and take the advice of such knowing persons in the place as they shall think fitt thereanent, and what may be the best and easiest way for providing the burgh in a sufficient clock, and report.

Act anent the toun clock.

23 *November*, 1728.

The committee of councill formerly appointed for considering the most expedient way and manner for providing this burgh with a new town clock, made report that they had mett with Andrew Dickie, clock maker, and other knowing persons in this place, communed thereon and considered thereanent, and that they found it absolutely necessar that there should be a new clock provided, and that Mr. Dickie had offered to make a sufficient minut hand town clock for one hundered pound sterling, and thirteen musick bells which he judged might stand twenty five pound sterling or thereby, and that he would tune and sett up the whole without any furder expence to the burgh; which report being considered be the councill they recomend to the magistrats, dean of gild, conveener, and treasurer, to end fully with the said Andrew Dickie thereanent.

Act anent a new clock to the town.

25 *November*, 1728.

Act against mobbing and deforcing the officers of the customes.

The provost baillies and town councill of the said burgh being conveened and taking to their serious consideration the abominable practise that has within these few years past prevailed in sundry parts of this kingdome by mobbing and deforcing of his Majesties officers of the customes in the due and lawfull execution of their office, to the great prejudice of the publick revenue, in manifest contempt of lawfull authority and hurt of free and fair traders, and outmost danger both to the persons, means, and interest of such daring and presumptous offenders when found out or discovered; the saids magistrates and town councill, in tesminony of their detestation and abhorrence of all such villanies, and for preventing the doing thereof by any person or persons within the bounds and territories of this burgh or any others who shall haunt or resort thereto or have any trading to or with the same, doe hereby certify all merchants and others that if at any time hereafter they or any of them, or others of their causing, hounding out, order, or direction, shall any way hinder, stop, or impede any of the officers of his Majesties customes, or in disguise by tumult, mobb, or otherways, deforce them in the due and legall execution of their offices on board of ships or boats, injure, hurt, or wound them in their persons, or otherways abuse them or their assistants when so in their duty, the saids magistrates and councill declare that if any of the merchants or burgesses of this burgh be found guilty of contravention hereof, they shall *eo ipso* not only forfitt and loose their priviledge as burges or gild brother in all time thereafter, but also the said magistrates and councill will use and exert their outmost power and interest to discover and detect all such, that they may be brought to condign punishment and proceeded against according to the laws in that behalf with the outmost rigour.

1 *February*, 1729.

Repairing kirk, tolbooth and new house.

The councill appoint Andrew M'Lequham, town treasurer, to cause repair the roofs of the church, tolbooth, and towns new house, with all conveniency, and likeways a holl that was some time ago broke through by one of the prisoners in the wall of the tolbooth, and to furnish all matterials necessar thereto.

3 *April*, 1729.

Musick bells to the clock.

The provost, baillies, and town councill of the said burgh, appoint Andrew

M'Lequham, town treasurer, to pay in to Mr. Dickie, watchmaker, thirty six pound sterling for buying a bill to pay the musick bells for the towns clock, and this, with Mr. Dickies receipt thereon oblidging him to compt for what may be over, shall be sufficient document to the treasurer in his accompts, the said Mr. Dickie being free of any sea risk therefore, the bells being to come from London. **Musick bells to the clock.**

22 *May*, 1729.

Appoints Andrew M'Ilquhame, town treasurer, to pay to James Cushnie, jaylor, eighteen shillings starling, depurst by him on the mantinance of one M'Laren, who was sometime ago incarcerat in the tolbooth of this burgh by order of some of the magistrats for offering to sell hard mettle instead of silver to some people in this burgh. **18 s. starling to jaylor.**

It being represented by Andrew Dickie, watchmaker, that William Sorely, hammerman, who was appointed by the councill to ring the bells in the towns steeple, was a very unfit persone for that purpose, and that the said William had latly when he went to ring the ten hour bell drawn down one of the paces of the towns new clock by standing thereon, and that he the said Andrew could not perform his contract with the town anent the said clock if the said William were continued in the foresaid statione of ringing the bells; which the councill having considered, and that the said Andrew having recomended Adam M'Arthure, hammerman in Sterling, as a fit persone for ringing the saids bells, and whome he judged would not midle with the said clock any manner of way, therefore the councill install the said Adam M'Arthure in room of the said William Sorely. **Ringer of the town bells.**

16 *September*, 1729.

Anent a petition or representation given in to the saids magistrats and councill be James Baird, present deacon to the incorporation of skinners or glovers within the said burgh, for himself and in name of the remanent members of said incorporation, humbly shewing that where for these many years past the petitioners have had no stock or common good as the rest of the seven incorporat trades have, but to the contrair were and are still in debt, by reason of which the deacon of the said incorporation of skinners has been alwise obliged to pay out of his own pocket any charges or expenses he was necessarly putt to in that office by going the marches and otherwise, and in **Act and grant in favours of the skinners.**

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short any expenses or charges on account or for behoof of the trade the deacon has still paid out himself, which is a very great hardship, and whereby their poor of necessity are and must be burdensome on the common good of the burgh, and will still continue so and the forsaid debt remain unpaid unless remead be provided thereagainst; and whereas there are none of the said incorporat trades (except the said incorporation of skinners) but have some kind of gate penny and revenew payable and allowed to be levied by them from unfreemen for defraying the above expenses and supporting their poor; and seeing there might be some small gate penny or revenew uplifted and levied by the said incorporation of skinners or glovers each publick fair day out of the stands of chapmen who then cream in the mercat of this burgh, and are not gild bretheren or gild bretherens sons but strangers and unfreemen, and there sell or expose to sale gloves or any other kind of skinner or glover work, which if granted and allowed by the councill would tend much to the defraying of the above expenses and supporting the poor of said incorporation and paying off the forsaid debt; and therefore creaving that the councill might take what before represented to their serious consideration, and authorise and allow the said incorporation of skinners or glovers in time coming to uplift and levy what small gate penny the councill should think fitt, each publick fair day, out of every stand of chapmen who then cream in the mercat of this burgh, and are not gild bretheren or gild bretherens sons but strangers and unfreemen, and there sell or expose to sale gloves or any other kind of skinner or glover work. And the saids magistrats and councill having now fully and maturely deliberat on the said petition or representation, they grant the desire thereof under the reservation and exception aftermentioned, viz., they authorise, impower, and allow the said incorporation of skinners or glovers in time coming to uplift and levy one shilling Scots money, each publick fair day, out of every stand of chapmen who then cream in the mercat of this burgh, and are not gildbretheren or gildbretherens sons but strangers and unfreemen, and there sell or expose to sale gloves or any other kind of skinner or glover work; and if there be chapmen two or moe of the qualities abovementioned creaming in one stand, then and in that case the said incorporation are hereby allowed and impowered to uplift and levy one shilling Scots from each of them. Reserving always to the gildry of this burgh their priviledge of uplifting and levying any gate penny out of the saids stands as

formerly; and not allowing any gate penny to be uplifted or levied by the said incorporation of skinners from chapmen who do not cream by putting up stands in the mercat.

Act and grant in favours of the skinners.

25 *September* 1729.

Anent the petition given in to the saids magistrats and councill by the society of mechannicks within the said burgh, mentioning that of late severall inhabitants of this burgh have, in respect of their being burgesses of one or other of the incorporations of the burgh, ingaged and brought in strangers from the country, not entered burgesses nor bearing any burden in the burgh, and imployed them to work in severalls of the handycrafts of the mechannicks, such as wrights, measons, and others, albeit the said strangers are not entered with the mechannicks; and in the next place others of the inhabitants, who being members of some of the other incorporations of the burgh, do yet use and exerce some one or other of the handycrafts of the mechannicks, and gain their subsistence and living thereby without entering with their society, and giving no assistance in common with them to advancement and improvement of their severall handycrafts, nor in the least contributing to their common charge: which mentioned practices tending evidently to the discouragement of the mechannicks, as thereby strangers are brought into the burgh and make gain att the hands of their employers, which they carry away without being concerned in the publick burdens of the burgh to be spent by them in the country, and which therefore does not circulat in the town; whereas in the meantime the mechannicks, whose business is to work in these handycrafts, are perhaps reduced to straits for the mantainance of their families by the want of the imployment which is given in manner forsaid to country tradesmen, and yet are liable to the publick burdens of the burgh and to the common charge of their society; and as the said society of mechannicks have anxiously provided for the support of the poor of their severall handycrafts so as to prevent their being burdensome to the burgh, and as they must of course be disabled from making the necessar provision for their poor if the forsaid practices be continued; and as besides the advancement and improvement of the severall handycrafts, which is to be expected to be the effect of suteable incouragement from the councill, the mechannicks have it furder to plead in their behalf for the councills favour in preference to strangers, that as they reside in the burgh with their families they are alwise att hand and ready to

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give their assistance upon any emergent occasion of fire or other sudden accident which may not admitt of delay . . . [After consideration of the petition, the magistrates and council] statute, enact, and ordain that in all time coming all measons, wrights, coupers, painters, glasiers, slaters, dysters, and plaisterers, as well entered as to be entered with the mechannicks and with this burgh as burgesses *qua* mechannicks, who do not reside themselves with their families att least eight months in the year within the burgh shall not have the liberty or priviledge of being undertakers of any mechannick work therein during their not residing within the same as aforsaid notwithstanding of their entries; and that all measons, wrights, coupers, painters, glasiers, slaters, dysters, and plaisterers, as well entered as to be entered with the mechannicks and with the burgh as burgesses *qua* mechannicks, shall not have the liberty or priviledge of imploying non residenters in the burgh, or unfreemen of the saids eight severall handycrafts, till they first make ane offer to the mechannicks of these imployments entered and living within the burgh as aforsaid; and that no inhabitant of the burgh who follows and professes any of the mechannick imployments shall have the liberty or priviledge of taking journeymen or apprentices under them as mechannick journeymen or apprentices till such time as he who takes them be himself first entered with the mechanicks; but statute, enact, and ordain that in all time coming any person entered or to be entered with the gildry, or with any of the seven incorporat trades of this burgh, who follows or practices any of the mechanick imployments and resides therein as aforsaid, shall still have the liberty and priviledge of following and practising any mechanick imployment, and of being ane undertaker of any mechanick work within the said burgh, and of taking mechanick journeymen or apprentices under them upon his paying in four pound Scots to the said society of mechanicks; and the saids magistrats and councill furder declare that he shall be free of all other charges or expenses for speaking drinks, or att going the marches and fairs of this burgh, or otherwise as a mechanick.

Act and grant in favours of the barbers and pirie-weigmakers.

Anent the representation and petition given in to the saids magistrats and councill by James Lockart, present overseer to the tollerat society or incorporation of barbers and weigmakers within the said burgh, for himself and in name of the remanent members of the said society, [referring to acts of town council in their favor dated 18 June 1696, 1 September 1718, and

14 September 1728], by which three severall acts and grants it might be thought that no person unentered with the burgh and said society of barbers and weigmakers should have the liberty or priviledge of exercing the forsaid art or trade of barbarising and pirieweigmaking within the said burgh, yet notwithstanding there be persons, one or moe, who have presumed and taken in hand to follow and practise the forsaid art or trade of barbarising and pirieweigmaking not only by themselves but also by bringing in journeymen to work under them in that art or trade within the said burgh without entering as aforsaid, under this colour or pretext that their being sons of merchant burgesses of this burgh intitles or allows them to follow and practise the forsaid art and trade of barbarising and pirieweigmaking within the same without entering therewith and with the said society as aforsaid. . . . . [After consideration of the petition and representation, the magistrates and council] statute, enact, and ordain that in all time coming all barbers or pirieweigmakers, as well entered as to be entered with the said society and with this burgh as burgesses *qua* barbers or pirieweigmakers, who do not reside themselves with their families att least eight months in the year within the burgh, shall not have the liberty or priviledge of barbarising or pirieweigmaking therein during their not residing within the same as aforsaid notwithstanding of their entries; and that no inhabitant of the burgh who follows and professes the said imploy shall have the liberty or priviledge of taking journeymen or apprentices under them as barber or pirieweigmaker journeymen or apprentices till such time as he who takes them be himself first entered with the said society: but statute, enact, and ordain that in all time coming any person entered or to be entered with the gildry or with any of the seven incorporat trades of this burgh, who follows and practices the forsaid art or trade of barbarising or pirieweigmaking and resides therein as aforsaid, shall still have the liberty and priviledge of following and practising that imploy within the said burgh and of taking barber or pirieweigmaker journeymen or apprentices under him upon his paying in four pound Scots to the said society of barbers and pirieweigmakers; and the saids magistrats and councill furder declare that he shall be free of all other charges or expenses for speaking drinks, or att going the marches and fairs of this burgh, or otherways as a barber or pirieweigmaker.

Act and grant in favours of the barbers and pirieweigmakers.

1 *November*, 1729.

Act anent beggars.

The councill, considering that the burgesses and other inhabitants of this burgh are much oppresed by vagabonds and beggars, who have of late come into the place and commonly go throw the burgh begging, they therefore recomend to the four baillies to go throw their respective quarters and take such knowing persons alongst with them in order to make up a list of poor and beggars and their families in every quarter, and that upon any lawfull day betwixt and this day eight dayes the eight current.

7 *February*, 1730.

£72 to carters.

It having been represented that John Burgess, carter in Milntown of Bannockburn, Alexander and William Chambers, carters in Sterling, who in January j^{m} vij^{c} and twenty seven went alongst with their carts and horses with the baggage belonging to some of the military from Sterling to Linlithgow, and had their horses and carts violently detained and pressed forward to Edinburgh, and thereby sustained considerable damnage; that, on account of which the magistrats and councill of this burgh having intented actione against the magistrats of Linlithgow, the affair came to be accomodate and a certain allowance payed by them therefore to the now deceast doctor James Johnstone, late provost, which was never payed in by him to the carters by reasone of his deceasing shortly after the allowance was given to him; the councill therefore appoint Andrew Muirhead, town treasurer, to pay to each of the saids carters the sum of twenty four pound Scots money.

16 *June*, 1730.

Accompt of the butts.

Appoints Andrew Muirhead, treasurer, to pay to George Monro, merchand, in name of the society of archers in this place, thirty five pound two shilling Scots debursed by him in building the butts and making ane entry thereto.

7 *November*, 1730.

Want of accomodation in church.

There were petitions from the gildry, seven trades, and other incorporations in the place, given into and read in the councill, complaining of their want of accomodatione in the church for hearing the gospell preached; which being considered by the councill, they do nominate and appoint the magistrats, dean of gild, conveener, and treasurer, with provost Littlejone, to

meet with the reverend ministers of the place and to consult with them what is most proper to be done in said affair.

Want of accomodation in church.

Act dischargeing giving treats or tickets.

The magistrats and town councill of the said burgh taking to their serious consideratione the great expence the burgh is at by intertaining strangers and giving burgess tickets and treats, and that throw the solicitations of the burgers for their freinds and acquaintances it is become a servitude and most uneasy to the magistrats, as well as ane unnecessary and needless expence upon the burgh, therefore and for preventing the obtaining of the like bad practice for hereafter, the saids magistrats and councill doe hereby unanimously statute, enact, and ordain that in all time coming no treat nor burgess ticket shall be given to any persone or persons, nor no part of the publick revenew of this burgh shall be spent with such, on account of solicitatione or any other pretence whatever, without the consent of the magistrats, dean of gild, and conveener of the said burgh, or majority of them, or the majority of them present in the town at the time of such treats or burgess tickets giving or such spendings making, and that the accompt of what so spent by any of the said magistrats with consent foresaid shall be by them brought in and read in councill the first or second dyets of councill after the same is spent bearing the magistrats or magistrat names spenders thereof.

16 *November*, 1730.

Anent preaching in both churches.

The magistrats and toun councill of the said burgh being conveened together with the reverend ministers of the place, in obedience to ane act of councill of the date the seventh current, the committee thereby appointed made report that they had mett with the ministers and laid the petitions mentioned in the said act before them, and that the said committee had in obedience to a consert of councill made offer to the saids ministers of three hundered merks Scots each yearly besides their stipends if they would undertake to preach in both churches of the burgh, which being considered by the councill they unanimously approve of the said offer, and the whole councill in one voice made the same offer again to the ministers, with this provision that the said three hundered merks be nowayes annext to their stipend furder than conform to a contract to be entered into betwixt the councill and the ministers upon their acceptance of the said offer, and desired their answer. To which they answered that the affair moved being of the last concern they

Anent preaching in both churches.

could not give a particular answer to the said offer untill they had first laid the same before their presbetry and kirk session, and therefore the councill continue the receiving in of the said answer till this day month, and the whole of the saids petitions are instantly delivered up to the saids ministers for their furder consideration thereof till then.

14 *December*, 1730.

Anent preaching in both churches.

In obedience to ane act of councill of 16th November last, the ministers reproduced the petitions therein mentioned and represented that since that time they had laid the matter mentioned in the said act before their presbetry and kirk session, and the councill required their answer in terms of the act. To which Mr. Hamilton answered and declared he could not undertake or accept of what thereby offered him in regaird of his being ane old and infirm man, and understanding the voice of the toun and kirk session to be for a third minister, notwithstanding he is satisfied the councill would delay it if they thought fitt till the presbetry gave them a positive answer; and to which Mr. Muir answered and declared that tho' he were never so strong he did not see he could accept because the opinion of the session and the matter of the petitions were mostly for a third minister, yet notwithstanding, in regaird the presbetry att their last meeting were not full nor had given a positive answer, he desired a delay till the next presbetry for farder advice; which being considered by and putt to a vote in councill, viz.—proceed or delay,—it was carried by a great majority proceed; and accordingly they recommend to the magistrats, [and six others] or majority of them to meet on Wedensday next by four aclock in the afternoon to consider the saids petitions and to take the ministers opinions thereanent.

21 *December*, 1730.

Grammar school.

Appoints Andrew Muirhead, toun treasurer, to cause furnish a chalder of coalls to the grammar schooll for drying the jamm or addition lately built thereto.

2 *January*, 1731.

Set of the towns new house.

The councill, before proceeding to set the towns new house on the north side of the High Street, taking to their consideratione that it might be a

considerable loss to the roup to set any part of the said house to any persone except who shall bind themselves not to work at any noisome work within or without the doors of the same, have therefore enacted that any persone who shall offer for any part of the said house shall be bound by tack to be expead betwixt the treasurer and them to the effect above mentioned, and ordains the said house with the office houses and pertinents to be instantly set for the space of five years after Whitsunday next to the highest offerers therefore, they alwise finding sufficient caution for payment of the rent, and being oblidged to uphold the whole glass windows of their possessione, and to keep clean their proportione of the stair and closs, under the pain of five pound Scots for each contraventione, and ordains each offerer to throw in half a crown with their bode. And the councill having accordingly proceeded to set the same house, they set the same as follows, viz.:—the first story of the said house, with the stables, brewhouse, and pertinents, to George Henderson, merchant, for £13 10 s. sterling; the westmost shop with the westmost apartment of the second storey, to Andrew Dickie, watchmaker, for £5 10 s. sterling; the eastmost shop and eastmost apartment of the third storey to James Alexander, merchant, for £5 10 s. sterling; and the shop immediately on the west of the closs and eastmost apartment of the second storey to James Dasone, merchant, for £8 5 s. sterling; all yearly rents.

Set of the towns new house.

12 *January*, 1731.

The magistrats and toun councill of the said burgh being conveened, the committee appointed by ane act of councill the twenty fifth of December last made report that according to the said appointment they had mett severall times and called severalls of the most judicious persons of the gildry, seven trades, maltmen, and other incorporations of the place, to their assistance in considering how a lasting fund should be provided for payment of a yearly stipend to a third minister to be called here, and that they had for that end inspected the toun treasurers accompts for severall years back, and had given it as their opinion that the said third ministers stipend should be twelve hundered merks Scots yearly payable out of the converted multure of the said burgh; and that notwithstanding by the act of thirle the whole inhabitants are undoubtedly thirled and astricted to the touns milns, and that the act of councill of the date the [19] day of [May 1681] converting the malt formerly

Act anent a third minister.

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exacted for multure into money,[1] and severall other acts and grants relating thereto, be sufficient of themselves, yet considering that the stipend to be payable to a third minister must be equally certain and undoubted as being lasting and perpetuall, the said committee gave it likewise as their opinion that for the more security the said converted multure should be perpetuatt att eighteen shilling and eight pennies Scots money for each boll of malt, being the rate it presently is att, which would not only obviat and prevent all pleas and controversies that might arise concerning, but would also establish and confirm a lasting fund for payment of, the said stipend, as well as for the other onerous causes for which the said multure was destined, with this condition that the inhabitants should be liberat and freed of ministers stipends, cess, and all other publick burdens except watching and warding and quartering of the military, and the outputting of persons of men to the militia: of which the saids magistrats and councill approved with this provision, that the gildry together with the haill incorporations of the place shall perpetuat the said converted multure att the rate it presently is; and for that end recommends to the dean of gild, deacon conveener, and deacons of the other incorporations in the place, to conveen their respective incorporations att their ordinar meeting places to morrow att any time they shall think fitt, except the gildry who are to be conveened att ten aclock on Thursday next, in order to have what above mentioned under their most serious consideration, and to make report accordingly.

16 *January*, 1731.

Bridge guard.

Appoints the treasurer to pay to Robert Stirling, merchant, twenty four pound Scots as two years rent of a roome for the bridge guard furnished by him to the burgh and kept unset on their accompt from Whitsunday 1729 to Whitsunday next, and appoints the treasurer to acquaint the said Robert not to keep the said roome unset on the towns accompt in time coming.

Relief be the councill to the whole communities.

The magistratts and councill taking to consideration that the seven incorporate trades, maltmen, mechannicks, omnigatherum, and barbers, by their acts of court the 13th current, and the gildry by their act of court the 14th current,[2] have, for the causes therein specified, thirled and astricted themselves

[1] See footnote, p. 46; also p. 94.

[2] These acts are recorded in the council book.

and their successors, gildbrethren, trades, maltmen, mechannicks, omnigatherum, and barbers of the said burgh, to the common milns therof, called the Bridge and Borrow Milns, presently belonging thereto, and to such other milns as shall happen thereafter to belong thereto, and that they shall grind all the malt thereat to be hereafter brewen, sold, or consumed by them or any of them within this burgh or territories thereof, according to use and wont; and that they shall pay to the saids magistratts and councill, or their collector in their name, the present ordinar converted multure therefore, which is 18 s. 8 d. Scots money for each boll, and so in proportion for greater or lesser quantities, and that in all time coming; providing allwise that the said converted multure should be applyed for payment of the touns debts, second and third ministers stipends, and all other publick burdens and impositions except quartering of the military, watching and warding, and the out putting of persons of men to the militia. Therefore the saids magistratts and councill oblidge themselves and their successors that the forsaid 18 s. 8 d. of each boll of malt to be thereafter brewen, sold, or consumed by the saids communities, shall be applied for payment of the touns debts, second and third ministers stipends, schollmasters sallaries, drummers and pipers fialls, Kings cess, publict works of the burgh, and all other publick burdens and impositions whatsomever, imposed or to be imposed, except quartering of the military, watching and warding, and the out putting of persons and men to the militia. . . . And that so soon as the touns debts shall come to be paid off the saids communities shall have a reasonable diminution of the said present converted multure. And that each of the saids communities shall have a voice in calling of the said second and third ministers in all time coming. . . .

Releif be the councill to the whole communities.

23 *January*, 1731.

The magistrats and toun councill of the said burgh being conveened, and considering that the whole communities of the place petitioned the saids magistrats and councill mentioning that there is not sufficient accommodation in the east church (which is now made use of for the publick worship of God) for a considerable part of the inhabitants of this burgh, and earnestly entreating the councill would fall on proper methods for removing and preventing the like greivance in time coming, and also considering that after mature deliberation on what above mentioned, together with the verdict of workmen (called

Act for payment of a third ministers stipend.

Act for payment of a third ministers stipend.

to inspect the said east church if the same could be improven for accommodating the whole parishioners) declaring that such improvement was impossible and impracticable, it is found necessary that there should be a minister called for dispensing the ordinances in the west church, and to take his proportional part of the ministeriall charge in the congregation in conjunction with the other two worthy ministers already setled therein, as shall be thought most for edification; the saids magistrats and councill do therefore hereby unanimously bind and oblidge them and their successors in office that the dean of gild and deacon conveener of the said burgh, and their successors in office, shall make due and thankfull payment, to any person to be setled here minister as aforesaid, of the sum of twelve hundred merks Scots money of yearly stipend; and the saids magistrats and councill, likewayes considering that it is necessary thir presents have the approbation of the very reverend the moderator and remanent members of the presbetry of Sterling, in respect the said west church is to be furthwith planted with seats, do therefore nominate and appoint the magistrats [and others] to wait on the said presbetry the 27th instant, and lay this act before them, earnestly desiring their approbation of the same.

20 *February*, 1731.

Mortification be provest Erskine.

There was produced in councill a mortification made and granted by Mr. John Erskine, provest of the burgh, in favours of the magistrats and toun councill thereof, wherein mention is made that William Danskine, chapman, being upon the fourth day of Aprile last received and admitted as a burges and gild brother of the said burgh, did pay his entry of two hundred pounds Scots money due to the gildry to Robert Watsone, the then gild treasurer, and his entry of thirty pound money foresaid due to the burgh to Andrew Muirhead, the then toun treasurer, both which sums are ordained to be payed in to the said Mr. John Erskine, as provost of the said burgh, conform to old custome, and whereby he, the said Mr. Erskine, mortifies and settles in the hands of the saids magistrats, councill, and toun treasurer, and their successors in office, the said sum of two hundred and thirty pound, that the yearly annualrent thereof may be applyed either for payment of the yearly stipend *pro tanto* payable to the minister who shall be called to officiat in the western church of this burgh, or as ane adition thereto, as the saids magistrats and councill shall think fitt.

10 *April*, 1731.

The councill, considering that they are frequently troubled with requeists for burying in the west church of this burgh without any gratification made on that account, do therefore declare and enact that in all time coming no such priviledge or liberty shall be granted or allowed to any person whatever without satisfying the councill therefore before ever the ground allowed to bury in be broken up.

Act anent burying in the west church.

25 *May*, 1731.

The magistrats and toun councill considering that since Whitsunday 1729 Andrew Dickie, watchmaker in the said burgh, has not only cleaned the councill room clock, but also has keept the same together with the turret or steeple clock and musick bells thereof going since the said time, without any gratification or allowance made him on that accompt, [the treasurer was authorised to pay him twelve guineas for his trouble; and he was also installed keeper of the town's clocks and bells in future at a salary of six guineas yearly].

Act installing Mr. Dickie clock keeper, &c.

26 *June*, 1731.

The magistrats and toun councill considering that, by the transportation of the reverend Mr. Ebenezer Erskine, minister of the gospell att Portmoak, from that parioch to this, the ordinances of God will now be dispenst in the west as well as the east church of this burgh, and that the said west church must now be plenished with seats, and that, for preventing any debate that might arise concerning any pretence of right the kirk session of the said burgh might make to the area or any part of the west church, the saids magistrats and councill had made the following proposall or overture to the session, viz., that the session should denude themselves in favours of the saids magistrats and councill of any right or interest the session might pretend to have to the foresaid area or any part of the said west church before ever the priviledge of erecting seats or lofts therein be granted to any person, and that the session had unanimously gon in to denude themselves as desired, and that the saids magistrats and councill had made ane offer of the foresaid area to the session for the sum of five hundred merks, and that they had accepted of that offer; therefore the saids magistrats and councill do unanimously grant, allocate, and appropriate to the said kirk session the foresaid area in the said

Act confirming area of west church to kirk session.

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west church as the same is presently measured out, to be by them filled and plenished with seats or dasks, to be disposed on by them for the use of their poor; with this provision allwise that the saids seats or dasks shall be removed att the dispensing of the sacrament of the Lords supper in the west church, or when any person having right to bury therein shall have occasion therefore, and that in all time coming.

N.B.—The reason why this act is not signed is because the session afterwards refused to pay the 500 merks therein mentioned, and so it is to have no force or effect.

Act confirming the gildrys loft in the west church.

The councill considering that the gildry of this burgh have, by their act of this day, agreed that a complement of five hundred merks be made by them to the saids magistrats and councill for helping to defray the extraordinary expence they have been and will be at in calling and settleing of one to be one of the ministers of this burgh and congregation, and in repairing the roof and windows of the west church, (wherein the ordinances of God are now to be dispensed as well as in the east church), and that under this provision that the councill should confirm to the gildry their loft in the eastmost end of the said west church; and likewise considering that the kirk session of this burgh and congregation have, by their act of this date for the reasons therein mentioned, denuded themselves of any pretence of right or interest they might have to any part of the said west church in favours of the councill; therefore, the saids magistrats and councill do hereby unanimously not only confirm any right or tittle the gildry may have or pretend to the foresaid loft, but also grant, allocate, and appropriate the samen loft to them and their successors, gild brethren of the said burgh, for their accommodation in hearing and seeing the ordinances of God dispensed in the said west church in all time coming.

Act for disposing on the west church.

The councill considering that, by the approaching settlement of a third minister in this congregation, the ordinances of God will be dispensed in the west as well as the east church of this burgh, and that for that end it is necessar the said west church should be planted and furnished with seats, and that the most comodious and advantagious way and maner for doing thereof will be by granting liberty to the parishioners to build and erect the same themselves upon their own proper charges; therefore, the councill do nominate and appoint provost Littlejon, [and others], to conveen themselves in the said west

church upon Munday next, the twenty eight instant, be ten aclock forenoon, and there from that time till twelve aclock the said day to dispose on the said west church, as the same is presently measured and chalked out, by granting the liberty and priviledge of building and erecting seats or desks, pews and lofts, to such person or persons as shall offer most therefore in the terms and under the provisions and conditions all as hereafter sett doun: viz., Imprimis, that the seats and desks and pews to be built in the said church shall be removed and lifted when any persone having right to bury below the same shall have occasion therefore, upon such persons being oblidged to lift and sett doun the same again on their own proper charges. Item, that such priviledge of building and erecting of seats or desks, pews, and lofts, be granted to the purchasers and their assigneys during their interest and residence in the place only, and that for hearing and seeing the ordinances of God dispenst in the said west church. Item, that the purchasers be furthwith oblidged to build their seats or desks, pews and lofts, on their purchase, and that the pryce thereof be either paid att purchasing or security given therefore to the toun treasurer, payable betwixt and the term of Martinmess next. Item, that each purchaser give in to the clerk of dead earnest as follows, viz., one shilling starling for each seat or desk, two shillings and sixpence for each pew, and five shillings for each loft; and that each purchaser satisfie and pay the clerk for extracting the act of councill granting such priviledge. And it is declared that the area of the said west church now allocate and appropriate to the kirk session, and the loft in the east end thereof now allocate and appropriate to the gildry, and two pews chalked and measured out, the one thereof with a design to be given to the relict of the honourable collonell John Blackader, deputy governour of Sterling Castle, and the other to one of the ministers of this burgh, are excepted and not att all to be disposed of by the said committee. And appoints the presenter to make publick intimation hereof tomorrow from the letteron.

Act for disposing on the west church.

1 *July*, 1731.

The magistrats and toun councill appoint Andrew Muirhead, toun treasurer, to cause build up the partition wall betwixt the east and west churches of this burgh, and to repair the roof and windows of the said west church, and to do every other thing necessar to be done therein, and to

Act for repairing the west church.

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furnish and provide a green cloath with fringes for the pulpit of that church all by the direction of provost Littlejon, [and others].

7 *August*, 1731.

Loft in the west church.

Appoints the treasurer, by direction of the magistrats [and others], to cause build a loft in that vacuum betwixt the merchants and maltmens lofts in the west church, to be disposed of by the councill as they shall think fitt.

4 *September*, 1731.

A ferrier's entry quitt.

The councill receive and admitt James Thomsone, ferriar in this burgh, to the liberty and freedom of burges and neighbour *qua* hammerman thereof, and, in regard that there is no other of his imployment in the place, the councill quitt his entry, being twelve pound Scots.

11 *September*, 1731.

A taylor's entry quitt.

Receives and admitts Andrew Turnbull, taylor in St. Ninians, to the liberty and freedome of a burges and neighbour *qua* taylor of this burgh, and, in regard the present deacon of the taylors represented in councill that the said Andrew was extraordinary good of his imployment and might be very usefull and servicable in the place, the councill quitt him his entry payable to the burgh, being twelve pound Scots.

Act anent the sacrament in both churches.

The councill considering that they and the kirk session have now agreed that the sacrament of the Lord's supper should be dispensed in the west as well as in the east church of this burgh, they therefore appoint the treasurer, by direction of the magistrats, dean of gild, provost Littlejon, and conveener, to cause make tables and firms in both the saids churches for the end foresaid.

13 *March*, 1732.

Act and commission anent unfree traders.

The councill considering that the gildry by their act the twelvth of February last had appointed a committee of their number to meet with the magistrats in order to consert proper methods for preventing unfree traders bringing up vessels with their goods to the toun shoar, who frequently do clandestinely convey and sell the same in the toun to the prejudice of the actuall entered merchants therein, and that accordingly the magistrats and committee had mett and had wrote to Mr. Irving, agent to the royall burrows, for his advice thereanent, and that his opinion, which is contained in the

missive mentioned in the immediate preceeding act, was this, viz., that the unfree traders that are to be prosecute are such as export or import or deall in retaill of forreign commodities, and the touns district is the shyre of Sterling, and that the unfree traders that import forreign commodities their goods are seisable when apprehended within the priviledge of any royalty, and are to be confiscated one half to the crown and the other half to the burrow seiseing, which may be done by a process before the magistrats att the instance of any person who shall have a commission to make such a seisure; but that in case their goods are not apprehendable within a royalty, then that they are not seisable summarly, but that the remeady in that case is only a process att law; and the councill likewise considering that the said committee have given it as their opinion that the councill should appoint some understanding merchants for seiseing and apprehending such goods within the priviledge of this burgh, the saids magistrats and councill did and hereby do nominate and constitute William Danskine, James Patersone, William Wright, and John Finlaysone, merchants in this burgh, or any one of them, their commissioners for summarly seiseing and secureing the goods before mentioned exported or imported by unfree traders, where the same can be apprehended within this burgh, or the suburbs or appendicles thereto belonging, or within the ports or harbours thereof, to be applyed in terms of law; and ordains the whole gild brethren to be aiding and assisting to the saids commissioners in makeing such seisures when required by them thereto, and particularly the gild officer present and to come to give his aid, assistance, and attendance.

Act and commission anent unfree traders.

28 *March*, 1732.

The provost, baillies, and toun councill, understanding that their design of haveing the sacrament of the Lords supper dispensed in the west church as well as in the east has, without either reference or appeall, come in before the provinciall synod of Perth and Sterling att their meeting in October last, and that they have laid a prohibition on the ministers of this place from dispensing the sacrament of the Lords supper till the synod be advised, notwithstanding by the call and settlement of a third minister approven of by the presbetry of Sterling it is expressly mentioned to be that the ordinances (which comprehends that of the Lords Supper as well as the other ordinances) may be

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dispensed in both churches, do therefore nominate and appoint the provost [and others] to wait upon the kirk session tomorrow in order to ask the ministers what they know of the said affair coming in before the last synod, and if or not they be to assist the councill in haveing the sacrament of the Lords Supper dispensed in both churches, and to desire the kirk session to appoint a committee of their number to meet with a committee of the councill in order to consert what is proper to be done in the affair.

24 *July*, 1732.

Act dischargeing the beddal.

The provost, baillies, and toun councill, considering that William Stevensone, their beddal, has yesterday contemned their authority and commands by keeping the doors of the west church closs till the ringing of the last bell, contrair to order, that the inhabitants might be prevented from getting into that church to hear the word and ordinances of God dispensed therein, and that after his being examined thereon he did prevaricate exceedingly, do therefore unanimously discharge him from his said office and declare him to have no right or tittle to the dues and perquisites thereto belonging in all time comeing.

5 *August*, 1732.

Bridge and road from Mary wynd to the Whins.

The councill appoint the bridge from the cross in the midle thereof till the north gate to be calsied, and the ledges where they are likely to fall to be sett even and righted again; and the rocks in the road leading from the Mary Wynd to the Whins to be brunt, and the road repaired where necessar.

9 *September*, 1732.

New tenement.

The councill considering how much the foir street is decorated by that new tenement built by William Allan, merchant, appoint James Alexander, toun treasurer, to give to John Miller, who was master meason to the said building, two guineas of drink money.

½ a guinea given to governour of Damascus.

The councill approve of James Alexander, toun treasurer, his having paid to John Erskine, late provost, six pound six shilling Scots which he in name of the burgh had given to Joseph Jammati, governour of Damascus, as their proportion of a certain sum that the burrows had condescended should be given him in charity.

21 *October*, 1732.

There was a petition given in to the councill from George Hendersone, John Finlaysone, James Alexander, and Andrew Dickie, tennants and possessors of the touns tenement or house on the north syde of the foir street, shewing that James Dawson, also tennant and possessor of a part of the said tenement, has sett his possession in the second storie thereof to (*blank*) Skinner, relict of Mr. James Hogg, doctor of medicine in Sterling, whose furniture is infected with bogs, and that if she were allowed to come to possess they would not only lose their furniture but also be pested and troubled with them in their persons, and likewise shewing the damnage the common good of the burgh might sustain thereby, and therefore craveing the said James Dawson might be discharged from either allowing the said Mrs. Hogg to enter to the foresaid possession, or to sett the same to any body else whose furniture is infected with the foresaid kind of vermine in time comeing, and the representants do show their willingness that the same restraint should be laid on them as to their possessions, as is more fully mentioned in the said petition; which being considered by the councill, together with its being notour that some years ago one Drysdale and Mrs. Morrisone, both tennants in the house that Mrs. Hogg is now possest of, had their beds or other furniture burnt on account of their being infected with the foresaid kind of vermine while they were possest of the house, and with its being likewise notour that the said vermine were very reif in that part of the house which James Loutet, supervisor of excise, possest, during the whole time of his possession; the councill therefore do discharge the said James Dawson from either allowing the said Mrs. Hogg to enter to the foresaid possession or to sett the same to any body else whose furniture is infected or suspected to be infected with the foresaid kind of vermine in time comeing, and the haill other tennants and possessors of the said tenement from doing the like till once the councill be acquainted and satisfied therewith, each persone contraveening under the pain of ten pound starling by and attour being lyable to the councill for what damnage the touns house may sustain, and to the possessors thereof for what damnage they may sustain thereby.

Act for preventing the touns new house being infected with bogs.

30 *October*, 1732.

Appoints James Alexander, toun treasurer, with all convenient expedition to build or purchase a house within the burgh in order to receive in and

Act for a correction house.

Act for a correction house.

detain vagrants and idle persons in terms of the act of parliament, 3 session, 2 parliament, Charles 2nd, dated 4 September 1672, and that att the sight and by the advice of the magistrats, dean of gild, and conveener.

21 *November*, 1732.

Act confirming a pew to Sir James Campbell's lady.

The provost, baillies, and toun councill of the said burgh, considering that dam Anna Callendar, relict of the honourable collonell John Blackader, deputy governour of Sterling Castle, now spouse to the honourable Sir James Campbell of Ardkinglass, barronet, did upon the 12th of March 1730 give to the burgh the sum of fifty pound starling as a part of the sum which by the said collonel's latter will and testment was destined for pious uses, to be applied as the saids magistrats and councill should think fitt, and that she is this day to give to the burgh the like sum of fifty pound starling in furder part of the said sum so destined, and is desirous that the said one hundered pound should be applied in manner aftermentioned, and would be content to give up the discharge granted for the first fifty pound to be retired and to have a new discharge granted for the whole one hundered pound, and that she is likewise desirous that she should be allowed to have the same right and title to vote in the electing and calling of one to be third minister of this burgh that any burges or inhabitant thereof has or may have in time coming; the saids magistrats and councill, after returning their most hearty thanks to the said dam Anna Callendar for the said donation, [appointed the treasurer to receive the additional £50], and . . . do hereby mortifie and setle in the hands of the said treasurer and his successors in office the said sum of one hundered pound starling, that the yearly rent thereof may be applied for relieving and freeing the magistrats and councill and their successors in office of the fourteen hundered merks of yearly stipend, *pro tanto*, payable to the said third minister in time coming; and furder, the saids magistrats and councill do hereby allocat to the said dam Anna Callendar, and her heirs or assignees, that seat or pew lying on the south side of the west church and bounded betwixt the pew of James Alexander on the east, the dasks of John Jaffray and William Spittall, merchants, on the south, the entry into the baptism room on the west, and the area of the church on the north parts, and that for hearing and seeing the ordinances of God dispensed in the said church in all time coming.

27 *January*, 1733.

Appoints the clerk to render the touns latest chartour from the crown from the Latine in which it is wrote into Inglish language. Toun's chartour.

2 *April*, 1733.

Appoints the magistrats to write to lord Grange that the councill are content to take a tack of the earle of Marr's great lodging, high and laigh, with the closs and well, for payment of a blench duty yearly, and also of the yaird belonging thereto, att the rent of thirty pound Scots yearly, with the gardners house going alongst with it, providing the councill be only oblidged to uphold and maintain the rooff of the lodging but not the walls; and appoints the magistrats to desire that this tack may be granted for ninety nine years, and that in order that the councill may cause turn the said lodging into a workhouse, or for any other use the councill may think fitt. Act anent a workhouse.

14 *April*, 1733.

The provost made report that in obedience to their act last dyet he had wrote to lord Grange, and that he has allowed the councill to labour the yaird for this season, and will come shortly up to this plaice in order to aggree with the councill about a tack of the said yaird, great lodging, closs, well, and gardners house; which being considered by the councill, they appoint the treasurer to sett the said yaird for this year att a reasonable rate, and to be laboured for kitchen herbs and roots only; and appoints the magistrats, dean of gild, and conveener and treasurer, to meet with the said lord Grange and commune and aggree with him about the forsaid tack. Act anent a workhouse.

28 *April*, 1733.

It being represented in councill that the sherreif depute of this shyre is incroatching on the priviledges and rights of the burgh by sustaining himself judge when inhabitants are cited before him, notwithstanding of the touns right of sherreifship within their territories exclusive of the sherreif, they therefore appoint the provost, baillie Allan, and baillie Gibb, or any two of them, to go into Edinburgh and consult the affair in order to get the sherreif stopt from proceeding so in time coming and the proper process raised against him. Act anent the sherreifship.

Workhouse.

Appoints James Alexander, toun treasurer, to enter into a tack with the honorabill lord Grange and Dunn about the great lodging and others, mentioned in the act the second current, for three ninteen years conform to a scroll thereof now read.

5 *May*, 1733.

Workhouse.

The councill appoint James Alexander, toun treasurer, to cause repair such parts of Marr's work as is necessar for a workhouse, and to do everything requisite for upholding the roof of it.

2 *August*, 1733.

Anent Mr. Erskine minister.

The provost, baillies, and toun councill of the said burgh being conveened, there were given into them petitions from the gildry, seven incorporate trades, and haill other corporations in the burgh, all declaring their greif for being likely to be deprived of the ministry of the reverand Mr. Ebenezer Erskine, their minister, in case the act of assembly in May last conserning him be putt to execution by the very reverand commission of the generall assembly, and therefore creaving the councill might use their indavours for preventing it; the councill have therefore appointed the magistrats, dean of gild, conveener, and treasurer, or majority of them, to draw up ane adress to the commission concerning the forsaid matter, betwixt and the next councill day.

4 *August*, 1733.

Act anent Mr. Erskine minister.

In pursuance of the councills act the second current, there was a scroll of a representation and address relateing to the affair therein mentioned, given in by the committee therein named, which after being read the councill unanimously approve of, and appoints William Maiben, preses of councill, to sign the same in their name, and nominats and appoints James Littlejon, present provost, or John Gibb, one of the present baillies, their commissioner to present and give in the same to the verry reverand commission of the generall assembly of the church of Scotland to meet at Edinburgh the second Wednesday of August instant, and of which representation and address the tenor follows, viz.:—

Unto the very reverend the moderator and reverend and honorabill members of the commission of the generall assembly of the church of Scotland, the representation and address of the provost, baillies, and toun councill of the burgh of Sterling, for ourselves and in name of the whole community thereof by us represented, humbly sheweth—

That there are petitions given in to us by the gildry, seven incorporate trades, and

haill other corporations in the burgh, all declaring their greif for being likely to be deprived of the ministry of the reverand Mr. Ebenezer Erskine, one of our ministers, in case the act of assembly in May last concerning him be putt to execution by the very reverand commission, and therefore craving wee might use our endavours for preventing their being so deprived.

That as Mr. Erskines affair comes now before the very reverand commission in pursuance of ane act of assembly, so wee shall not here enquire into the reasons for inacting it, neather shall we much dipp into the questions how far the execution of the foresaid act of assembly might be delayed in point of form, but must humbly submitt this to the very reverand commission. Only, wee begg leave briefly to represent that Mr. Erskine was setled as ane additionall minister amongst us for the greater edification of the place, and that with no small trouble and expence; that we have alwise lived in good freindship with him after now two full years acquaintance; that wee find him to be a man of agreeable disposition of mind and of a religious walk and conversation, and to be every way fitted and qualified for discharging the office of the ministry amongst us, and that he has accordingly discharged the same to our great satisfaction; that therefore our being deprived of his ministeriall performances must undoubtedly be very moving and afflicting to us; and that the putting of the foresaid act to execution, wee are afraid, will in all likelyhood be attended with very lamentable circumstances, confusions, and disorders, too numerous and tedious to be here rehearst, and that not only in this place in particular but also in the church in generall.

The consideration of this, and that the very reverend commissions delaying the execution of the foresaid act cannot miss to be reckoned a piece of prudence and good conduct by the venerable assembly, as it tends to preserve the peace of the church as well as of this place and to prevent the disquite that otherwise might arise in both, makes us the more bold to apply and hopefull to succeed in our requeist for this end.

May it therefore please the very reverend commission to take up the premisses to consideration and delay the putting of the foresaid act of assembly to any executioun untill the nixt assembly, or at least till the commission in November nixt, and wee are hopefull the venerabill assembly will not condemn you for so doeing. This is our ernast and hearty prayer and address. Signed by William Maiben, precess of councill, in our name and by our appointment, att Sterling, the 4th day of August, 1733.

8 *September*, 1733.

Appoint James Alexander, toun treasurer, to furnish a gold ring to the chapmens race on Thursday next, at the rate of a guinea or thereby, but declare that the councils giving this compliment shall not inferr a preparative for giving the like in time coming. **Gold ring to chapmens race.**

The councill approve of James Alexander, toun treasurer, having paid out to James Ramsay, the toun's agent, twenty pound sterling per receipt to **Accompt about the sherreifship.**

Accompt about the sherreifship.

accompt of the charges of the plea anent the toun's right of sherreifship, and of the treasurer having given four guineas to Mr. Patrick Haldan of Bearcrofts when here, as one of the toun's lawyers in the said plea.

13 *October*, 1733.

Anent the clock and musick bells.

Anent the petition given into the councill by Andrew Dickie, watchmaker, shewing that notwithstanding the publick clock of this burgh does, he presumes, answer in every respect as was primarly designed att making thereof, yet it is most certain that it may be very much bettered, especially in playing the tunes, which by addition of three new bells, two new wheels, new barrell, new combar, a sett of new keys, and a sett of new clapers, it can be made so as to play every way with these they have gott in the toun of Edinburgh that is played with the hand, it can be heard att a far far greater distance than it is att present, be made to play vastly better to time and tune, and to observe every grace that is in the tune to as good advantage every way as the aforesaid bells that are played by the hand. And as the petitioner is sure he can make all the above advantage to it, he is willing, out of regaird to the good toun and not att all from a view of making a private advantage to himself, to undertake the doeing of all the above, and also to make the cover above the bells sufficiant, which att present is not, for the sum of thirty five pound starling, which the councill may easly judge is not near sufficiant for such a piece of workmanship where private advantage is studied; and this he offers to do with this speciall qualification, that he shall not demand one farding of the money till the premises are performed as the petition bears. The saids magistrats and councill having maturely considered the said petition, they grant the desire thereof and appoint James Stivenson, toun treasurer, to enter into contract with the said Andrew Dickie for performance of the foresaid undertaking and payment of the pryce att the finishing thereof in the preceise terms of the foresaid petition.

3 *November*, 1733.

Anent Mr. Ebenezer Erskine.

The councill considering that the affair concerning Mr. Ebenezer Erskine, their minister, comes before the commission of the kirk on Wednesday nixt come eight dayes, the fourteenth of November current, they therefore appoint provost Wingate, baillie Millar and baillie Alexander, or any two of them, to go alongst with and attend the said Mr. Erskine att the said commission, and

the councill declare they will approve of their charges and appoint payment thereof. **Anent Mr. Ebenezer Erskine.**

15 *December*, 1733.

The clerk produced a letter he had from James Ramsay, the touns agent, concerning the touns right of sherreifship, with a coppy of a concert framed by the sherreif for keeping up good correspondence, as he pretends, betwixt him and the toun, both which were read; and the councill finding that the sherreif thereby resolves to pretend and insist for a cumulative jurisdiction with them within burgh, they therefore unanimously appoint the process already intented before the lords of councill and session against the sherreif to be carried on with all expedition, and appoints the clerk to write this to Mr. Ramsay first post. **Anent the sherreifship.**

2 *February*, 1734.

Appoints the treasurer to cause repair that part of Marrs work yaird now sett in tack to the burgh where the same has fallen down by the late storm, and that in the west and north dykes thereof. **Act for repairing Marrs work yaird.**

7 *March*, 1734.

The provost, baillies, and toun councill, being informed that many members of parliament intend to bring in a bill to the house of commons for restoreing to the nation trienniall parliaments, the councill have signed and sent a missive to my lord Erskine, their representative in parliament, to concurr and insist for the same. **Missive to lord Erskine; triennial parliaments.**

4 *May*, 1734.

The councill considering that in obedience to their act the fifteenth of September last, Walter Craig, coppersmith, furnished a candlestick to the west church which they judge to be worth seven pound two shillings and six pence starling, being the sum he ingaged for as the price of a seat purchast by him in the said church, and therefore they appointed the treasurer to deliver up to the said Walter the bill he granted for the said sum, which was instantly done in face of the councill. **Walter Craigs bill; candlestick to west church.**

29 *June*, 1734.

Appoints as many of the fire buckets to be repaired into a sufficient **Fire buckets.**

Fire buckets.

condition as will mend, and as many more new ones to be made as will make up the number of four dozen in whole.

3 *August*, 1734.

Steeple of St. Ninians.

The councill appoint the treasurer to pay eight pound Scots as the touns proportion out of the lands of Bennies croft and Bizet lands for rebuilding the steeple of St. Ninians.

12 *August*, 1734.

Grant to William Christie; toun wall.

Anent the petition given to the councill by William Christie, merchant and dyster in Sterling, mentioning that he having purchast from Mr. Duncan Bachop, doctor of medicine there, that yaird lying on the east side of the toun wall near to the Burrows-gate, found that it would render the purchas more commodious and advantagious to him were he allowed to strike ane entry thereto throw the said wall by one of the old gun ports, which would not in the least prejudge the wall, and having had the opportunity of the councill or att least a goodly part of their number sometime ago to visite and sight the said place of the wall where the said William designed the entry might be made throw, he apprehended that they seemed to aggree that the wall would not be thereby prejudged, and that liberty for making the entry would be granted upon application to the councill, and therefore craving they might take the premisses to consideration and allow the said William to strike throw ane entry in the manner above represented; which petition having been considered they grant the desire thereof and allow the said William to strick throw ane entry to his yaird as craved, with this provision that whenever the councill shall find it necessar they may close up the entry att pleasure.

26 *November*, 1734.

Committee to defend two actions.

The councill, considering that it would be very troublesome and uneasie to be calling councills from time to time as occasion may offer concerning the plea intented before the lords of councill and session for reduction of the late election of the magistrats and councill, and the advocation raised of the action att the fiscalls instance against severalls for the late disturbance and abuse on the Kings birth night, so far as the magistrats are concerned, do therefore authorise and empower the magistrats, dean of gild, and conveener, or any

one of them, to act and do in defence of the whole throughout the whole steps of these pleas as fully as if the authority of the councill were had thereto from time to time.

Committee to defend two actions.

19 *December*, 1734.

The provost, baillies, and toun councill, have signed a petition to the honorabill the commons of Great Brittain in parliament, representing the injustice and illegality of the late return of captain Peter Halkett, younger of Pitfirren, as representative or member for the district of burrows to which this belongs, when the honorabill James Erskine of Grange, advocat, was the legall elected representative and member and ought to have been returned as such, and therefore creaving the honorabill house of commons might seriously consider the matter and affoord releif therein.

Anent the return of a member of parliament.

1 *February*, 1735.

The provost, baillies, and toun councill, considering that they have no great occasion for a publick writing master and teacher of arithmetick in the grammar schooll of this burgh, and that therefore the sallary payable to Mr. David Young, the present writing master and teacher of arithmetick, is ane unnecessary burden on the burgh, they do therefore drop the said station in the schooll in all time after Candlemass next, and discharge the said Mr. David from his said office.

Act discharging the writing master.

3 *May*, 1735.

Appoints the treasurer to furnish and provide a new drum for the burgh, the old one being at present useless.

New drum.

9 *July*, 1735.

The provost, baillies, and toun councill, considering the great expence the common good of the burgh have been putt to in defence of the criminall pursuit lately against the persons that were on duty on the guard on the Kings birth day in October last, and against the magistrats themselves, and that, seeing the guard are dismist simpliciter from the said process, it is a hardship the burgh should be burdened with the said expence without releif therefore off the prosecutors of the said action, the councill do therefore appoint the opinions of the gildry, seven trades, and haill other communities in the place, to be taken whither or not the indictment or criminall lyble att

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the magistrats instance against the foresaids prosecutors and the other persons therein named shall be prosecute so as that they may obtain satisfaction, and particularly payment of the charges already laid out or that may be laid out in the matter.

15 *July*, 1735.

Writing, &c., master.

The provost, bailies, and toun councill, nominat appoint and install Adam Stewart, writing master in Glasgow, sole writing master and teacher of English and arithmetick in the grammar schooll of this burgh during their pleasure, and allow him the yearly sallary of £180 Scots.

4 *August*, 1735.

The honourable James Erskine his entry quitt.

The provost, baillies, and toun councill, considering the many good services done to the burgh by the honourable James Erskine of Grange, advocate, in his signall appearance for the magistrats and severalls of the inhabitants in the civill and criminall processes latly depending, without receiving any fee, reward, or other remuneration, and in others the concerns of the toun as he has had occasion, and of his known and steady adherence to the intrest thereof, the councill therefore and in remuneration thereof receive and admitt the said honourable James Erskine to the liberty and freedom of a burges and neighbour *qua* gild brother of this burgh, who being present made faith as use is; and his entry payable to the burgh, being thirty pound Scots, the councill compliment him therewith.

30 *August*, 1735.

£12 Scots to the burlamen and constables.

Appoints the treasurer to give to John Blair, Archibald Campbell, John Andersone, and William Thomsone, burlamen in the Craigs, and the constables who warned them, twelve pound Scots amongst them for their labour and trouble anent the highways of late.

£18 Scots to baillie Chrystie.

Appoints the treasurer to give to Hairy Christie, chyrurgeon and late baillie, eighteen pound Scots for medicines furnished by him and his pains and trouble in the cureing and attending upon two of the quarriers that were ill wounded and hurt in the setting down of the touns well in the Backraw.

6 *September*, 1735.

Discharge of reduction of late annuall election.

The councill having considered the following discharge of the late process intented against the magistrates and councill, and having also considered how

grievously this burgh and the far greatest part of the honest and worthy burgesses and inhabitants thereof were opprest, and the great expence and trouble they were put to by groundless and most unjust pursuits before the court of justiciary, in one of which, that seemed to show what would be the event of the rest, they prevailed by the verdict of an assize; and considering likeways that altho' due resentment of the injurious usage they met with, and hopes of recovering just satisfaction of their damnages and costs from the courts of justice, and if need was from the high court of parliament, might have prompted to proceed in discussing all the processes, civill and criminall, intented *hinc inde;* yet on the other hand, considering also that it was most desireable to establish as soon as possible peace and tranquility in the burgh itself, in order to reclaim some few of the misled burgesses and inhabitants and to bring them to a sense of their duety, and to prosecute the same henceforth and the common advantage of the burgh rather than any other project whatever; therefore the saids magistrates and councill do hereby accept of the said discharge, and approve of putting to an immediat end the other processes foresaid. And they do on this single occasion warn all their brethren burges henceforth to abstain from and beware of all such factious and sinistruous ways, by whomsoever they may be instigated thereto, and on whatever pretenses or vows, and that minding the reall and true advantadge of the burgh and kingdome they would in all affairs act as become men who have the same at heart above all things. Follows the discharge:—Be it known to all men by these presents, us William Allan, late dean of gild, [and six others]: Forasmuch as there was a process of reduction raised and which is presently depending before the lords of council and session against [the present magistrates and council of Stirling for reducing and declaring their election void], and wee considering the great uncertainty of success in such processes, and how much keeping law suits contributs to creat division and mischeif in the burgh to the great hurt of the same; therefore and for certaine other good causes and considerations witt ye us to have exonered and discharged the said Robert Wingate, present provost, and haill other present magistrates, councill, and deacons of crafts above named, of the foresaid process of reduction against them, and the said process itself with all that has followed or may follow upon the premisses.

Discharge of reduction of late annuall election.

6 *November,* 1735.

Appoints the treasurer to give to Duncan M'Lauchlen, grave maker, six £6 to the grave maker.

£6 to the grave maker.

pound Scots money for his pains and trouble in putting on the magistrats carpet and taking care of their books in the church of late.

Petition from the weavers.

There being a petition presented from the weavers representing their trade to be much decayed by the reason of great quantities of insufficient yairn, particularly from the south country, being brought into this place and country round it, and craving the same might be recomended to be laid before the gildry that the like grievance may be prevented in time coming, the councill therefore recomend to the dean of gild to lay the subject matter of the petition before the gildry att their first meeting.

20 *December*, 1735.

Thorns and briers of the Back brae.

The councill, as patrons of the Neather Hospitall, considering that the Back brae is mostly grown over with thorns and briers, and that the pasturage therein is become of very litle value, they do therefore appoint the masters furthwith to cause hole out the same.

3 *January*, 1736.

Passing of carts with heavy carriadges alongst the bridge.

The councill having considered that the bridge on the water of Forth is much damnified by carts being allowed to go or pass alongst it with heavy carriadges, they therefore discharge and prohibit the going or passing of any carts with heavy carriadges alongst the said bridge in all time coming, and for that end appoint that such carriadges be taken off the carts before they come upon the bridge and be rolled from the one end to the other, and that the customers att the bridge see to the observance of this act: for which end they are hereby impowered and authorized to stop the going or passing of such carts alongst the said bridge till once the carriadges be taken off them.

25 *February*, 1736.

Act and grant in favours of the mechanicks.

Anent the petition and representation given in by John Millar, present deacon or overseer to the society or incorporation of mechanicks within this burgh, for himself and in name and behalf of the haill remanent members of the said society, shewing that the said society or incorporation of mechanicks did consider that for some considerable time past they have been oblidged, for the necessitous and clamant conditione of their poor, who have of late very much encreased, not only to give out in supplee to them their whole yearly income but even to take part of their principall stock for that end, by

which the said society or incorporation may in a little time, or in a very few years, be rendered intirely incapable of supporting their own poor, and that by this they will be necessarly burdensome to the community of the burgh and revenue thereof, [the council allow the incorporation to augment their entries and dues] as follows, viz., the entry of each stranger to £24 Scots, of each journeyman to £2 Scots, besides the clerks dues and the dues of the trade hitherto in use to have been exacted. And statute, enact, and ordaine, that in all time coming it shall not be in the power of the said society or incorporation of mechanicks upon any pretence whatever to enter or receive into their society any persone professing either of the arts or callings of meason, wright, couper, dyer, or slater, whereof the said society of mechannicks are made up, unless he be capable to give into the society a sufficient sey for evidencing his knowledge in his profession, and do actually give in the same to the satisfaction and approbation of the deacon of the said society of mechannicks and the master for the time of that particular art or calling that the person creaving to be entred professes, and of such others of that art or calling as shall be chosen for that end by the mechannicks in a generall court under the designation of inspectors and sey masters . . .

Act and grant in favours of the mechanicks.

24 *July*, 1736.

The councill considering that the town officers, when they are ordered to warn bagage horses, and to go otherways about their duty in behalf of the magistrats and councill, do frequently drink too much in regaird they have not been hitherto limited, which becomes an unnecessary expence on the revenew of the burgh, they do therefore appoint John Cowan, town treasurer, to cause provide thirty quart, ten pint, and ten chopin tickets, to be given the officers from time to time as they are ordered to do their duty on behalf of the town, and according to the trouble they are at therein the drink to be in proportion in time coming; and declare that they will allow no furder of their spending at the foresaid occasions than the furnisher of the drink shall have tickets for.

Anent the town officers tickets.

7 *August*, 1736.

Appoints the treasurer to pay to William Danskine, merchant, ane accompt of two pound ten shillings and one penny starling money, for a suit of cloaths furnished by him at the magistrats desire to William Paterson, procurator fiscall of the burgh.

Suit of cloaths to the fiscall.

Widows of unfreemen keeping change houses.

The councill considering that there are a great many widows who keep change houses in this place albeit their husbands were not burgesses thereof, and that without any consideration made by them to the revenew of the burgh on that account, they do therefore statute and enact that in all time coming there shall be paid by each of the saids widows, into the collector of the converted multure for behoof of the burgh, the sum of four pound Scots yearly for the foresaid priviledge and liberty of keeping change houses, and that per advance, so that those presently enjoying that priviledge and liberty are to pay in each the said sum instantly for the year from Lambass last till Lambass next, and those who shall hereafter desire to be allowed the same priveledge and liberty are to pay in each the like sum when they be allowed, and that for the year immediatly to run thereafter.

24 *August*, 1736.

Act anent lamps.

The councill having considered proposalls given into them for furnishing the town with lamps for the streets by James Urquhart, coppersmith, they appoint the magistrats, dean of gild, conveener, and treasurer, or majority of them, to go thorough the town in order to see how many lamps will be necessar for lighting the same, and what may be the proper places for fixing them at; and the provost declares he will give the entry money of the first gild brother that happens to be admitted during his being provost for defraying the expence of the lamps, the said first entry money being properly due to himself as provost conform to old custome; and the councill continue the consideration of the price the said James Urquhart proposes to furnish each lamp for till the next councill day, till the above committee report their dilligence.

22 *September*, 1736.

Actapproving ane accompt.

The councill approve of a particular accompt of fourty one pound and six pennies Scots paid out by John Cowan, town treasurer, for hangings to the councill house windows.

4 *October*, 1736.

Cows to be keept in the Hospitall park.

Anent the petition given into the councill by William Edmondston, Cambuswallace, and others, shewing that the Neather Hospitall park for some years past has been keept and sett apart for grassing the milk cows belonging to the inhabitants of this burgh, and that there has been a very good and

laudable custom hitherto observed not to allow above twenty eight cows to be put therein yearly, that the park might not be overstockt and the cattle therein starved, the above number being sufficient to eat up the grass thereof and clear the rent which has been of very great use and service to the inhabitants; and therefore and in order to prevent for the future any greater number of cows to be put in the said park than twenty eight, and for preserving the grass thereof in winter, creaving to the effect underwritten: the magistrats and councill as patrons of the said hospitall having considered the said petition, they do statute, enact, and ordaine, that the milk cows to be grassed yearly in the foresaid park shall not exceed twenty eight in number in time coming, and do discharge all persons whatever from putting any other horse, cows, or other cattle, within the foresaid park during the winter season or at any other time of the year.

Cows to be keept in the Hospitall park.

6 *November*, 1736.

The councill approve of the following particular accompts spent in the councill house preceeding Michaelmass last, viz., of one at entertaining his grace the duke of Hamiltone of 52 pound 14 shilling, of another at solemnizing his Majesty's birth day of 236 pound 14 shilling, of another at entertaining some ladies of 47 pound 10 shilling, of another at solemnizing the Prince of Wales's marriage of 32 pound 19 shilling, of another at entertaining the lords of justiciary, of 30 pound 13 shilling, and of another at entertaining Mr. John Mayne, merchant in Lisbon, of 41 pound 14 shilling, all Scots money.

Act approving accompts.

5 *February*, 1737.

Appoints the treasurer to give to William Maiben, post master, one pound six shillings starling for his furnishing the toun in the three Edinburgh Currants weekly, from the twenty eight of July 1735 till the twenty eight of July 1736; but they discharge the furnishing of these Currants in time coming, and declare they will give no allowance therefore.

£1 6s. starling for Edinburgh Currants.

The councill considering that by the death of the late worthy Mr. Charles Moor, one of their ministers, the collegiat charge of this congregation is so far vacant, and being desireous to have a hearing of young men in order to the supplying of that vacancy, the applying for which to the presbitry they throw mistake omitted upon the presbitry day, Wednsday last, they therefore recomend to the magistrats, dean of gild, conveener, and treasurer, or majority

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of them, in conjunction with a committee of the kirk session, to meet this afternoon and to write a letter to the moderator of the presbitry desiring that he would conveen the presbitry here against Wednsday first, in order that the said conjunct comittee of councill and kirk session may then apply to them for a hearing of young men in order to the supplying the foresaid vacancy.

26 *March*, 1737.

Act for fire ladders.

The councill considering that when accidentall fire breaks out in the town proper ladders for the workmen that are assisting in extinguishing the same are not easily and readily got, whereby the flame encreases and the greater damage is done, they therefore appoint Patrick Stivenson, younger, town treasurer, to furnish and provide two long ladders and two short ones for the publick use of the burgh on such occasion, and appoint one of the long ones and one of the short ones to be keeped in the foir tolbooth, and the remaining two to be keept in the meall mercat, that there may be ready access to them in all time coming when fire happens within the burgh; and the councill discharge these ladders to be taken out of these places att any time or for any cause whatever except that of fire.

9 *April*, 1737.

Doors in west church.

It being represented in councill that the persons who have seats in the area of the west church do not at all get ready or easie access into their seats at the time appointed for divine worship, by reasone of people crouding in to the entries on both sides of the pulpite range before the service begin, or these persons who have the entries to their seats these ways can get into the same, the councill therefore and for preventing the like complaint in time coming appoint Patrick Stivensone, younger, toun treasurer, to cause furnish and provide a door to each side of the said pulpite range; and the same being done they allow the proprietors and possessors of the seats in the said area, who have their entrys thereto by the sides of the said pulpite range, to keep these doors closs each dyet of divine service till the first psalme be sung, providing they sett open the same so soon as the first prayer beginns, in all time coming.

Spendings at going the marches.

It being proposed in councill that none of the touns revenew should be spent at going the marches in time coming, as the magistrats have hitherto been in use to do after their dinner with the dean of gild and such as are

invited by them to dine on that occasion, in regaird it was ane unnecessary burden on the toun; and this matter being reasoned upon and put to the vote, it was carried by the majority of nine to six that the magistrats and dean of gild might spend of the touns revenew at the forsaid occasion as formerly, in regaird the going of the marches was purely on the touns account, and therefore the councill allow them to do the same in time coming.

Spendings at going the marches.

25 *June*, 1737.

Mr. Ramsay, the touns agent, returned the touns precept of seasine granted be King Charles the First, dated the seventeenth day of November 1641, following upon their chartour of confirmation of that date, together with the touns instrument of seasine following upon the said precept, and another chartour of confirmation of the touns rights and priviledges granted by King Charles the Second, of the date the 22 of Aprile 1678, which had been sent in to the said Mr. Ramsay on account of the plea depending before the lords as to the touns right of sherreifship, and which are now laid up by the dean of gild and conveener in the chartour house.

Touns writes returned by Mr. Ramsay.

12 *July*, 1737.

The councill considering that it is very necessary that a common washing house be built at St. Ninians well for the use of the inhabitants, and having seen a plan thereof they agree that the house be built according to that plan, and appoint the same to be shown by the treasurer to Robert Henderson, John Millar, John Dollar, and John Anderson, measons, in order to know which of them will undertake the work chapest; and however of them shall so undertake they appoint the treasurer furthwith to cause him do the same.

Act for a washing house at St. Ninians well.

23 *July*, 1737.

Appoints the treasurer to furnish and provide six pair of blankets and six single sheets to the souldiers hospitall.

Anent the souldiers hospitall.

The councill resuming the consideration of their act the twelth currant anent a washing house, they agree that instead of pending betwixt the pillars thereof there be dormonts cast over from pillar to pillar for resting the roof upon, and appoint the treasurer to agree with Robert Henderson, the meason who drew the plan, for the meason work as chape as he can.

Anent a washing house.

6 *August*, 1737.

Manuscript of the Lords prayer and the apossles creed, &c.

John Sloass, writing master in the grammer school, made a present to the councill of the Ten Commands, the Lords Prayer, and the Apossles Creed, wrote on a sheet of peaper with a fine hand and in a very curious manner, and the councill on this account appoint the treasurer to give to the said John Sloass twenty five pound four shilling Scots, and furder appoint the treasurer to cause putt the forsaid manuscript into a frame with croun glass to be hung up in the new councill house.

8 *August*, 1737.

Act for roome reparation.

Appoints the treasurer to cause plaister the room and closet above the new councill house, and that in the rooff and in the walls so far as necessary, that they may be fitted for keeping the town's rights and charters; and furder appoints the said treasurer to cause put up a closs broad in the gavell window above these rooms for preventing any rain or storm comeing in.

27 *August*, 1737.

Act anent the poore.

The councill considering a recomendation of a comittee of the gildry anent the poor, wherein they desire the inquiry following should be made, the councill therefore recomend to the dean of gild to conveen the gildry, to the conveener and deacons to conveen their respective trades, and to the deacons or overseers of the maltmen, mechanicks, omnigatherum, and barbers, to conveen their respective societys, betwixt and this day eight days, in order to inquire into the number of their respective poore, and also, first, their age; 2do, the number of their familys; 3^{tio}, if diseased and unable to work; 4to, if they have any fund to live upon, or if they have whether or not sufficient; 5to, how long they have resided in this place; 6to, if they have testimonialls and how they have behaved since they came to the place; and to make report to the councill against the forsaid day: and furder recommends to baillie Gibb to desire the session to make the like inquiry as to their poor, and to the baillies to make the like inquiry as to the poor in their severall quarters who neither belong to the gildry, treads, societys, or session above mentioned, and to report against the foresaid day.

10 *September*, 1737.

Act installing touns carrier.

The councill considering a petition given in to them by David Cassells,

carrier in Cumbernald, whereby he offers himself willing to serve this burgh as their publick carrier betwixt this and Edinburgh, and for this end always to keep four good and sufficient horses, and more if the necessity of the toun requires it, and to find the beall aftermentioned for his fidelity, they therefore appoint and install the said David Cassills public carrier in this burgh to and from Edinburgh, and that from and after Martinmass nixt during the councill present and to come their pleasure, and allow him the yearly sellary of fourty eight pound Scots money, [he being bound to find bail or caution and to reside in the burgh]; and appoint the treasurer to furnish him with the touns badge as carrier at his entry. And the said David being called in and this intimate to him he declared himself satisfied therewith, and accordingly he hereby willingly enacts and oblidges himself to keep the foresaid horses and to find the foresaid beall and come to and reside in this place, as before mentioned.

Act installing touns carrier.

The councill having considered a petition given in by James Watson, junior, merchant, craving the liberty of a saw pitt to be made at the shoar for sawing of logs, they recommend to the magistrats, dean of gild, conveener, and treasurer, or majority of them, to visite the shoar this afternoon and consider if a saw pitt can be had there without prejudice; as also to visite the miln dambs and to report the sufficiency or insufficiency thereof alongst with their opinion as to the saw pitt next dyet of councill.

Anent a saw pitt and the miln dambs.

5 *November*, 1737.

The councill having considered a petition given into them by John Finlayson, weaver, shewing that he has a boy of a very bright genius for learning but has not wherewith to put him to school by reason of poverty, and therefore creaving the councill would put him to school, the councill therefore appoint the said boy to be put to the grammar school, and the town treasurer to pay the expence of his schooling for the first quarter of a year, and the Neather Hospitall masters for the next.

Schooling a son of John Finlaysone.

The councill appoint William Bowie, flesher, and John Livingston, town drummer, to light the lamps for the ensuing winter season, and appoints the treasurer to give twelve pound Scots to each of them for their trouble.

Lighting the lamps.

10 *December*, 1737.

Appoints the treasurer to give to David Caw, nottar, three pound Scots

£3 to a nottar.

£3 to a nottar. for subscribing as nottar for severalls of the omnigathrum, who could not write, to a representation given in by them to the town councill in December 1734, concerning a reduction then intended of the preceeding annuall election of the magistrats and town councill.

Coalls to a prisoner. Appoints the treasurer to cause furnish Janet Connochie, prisoner, with a load of small coalls each fourtnight during this winter season, in respect she has a young child in prison with her.

11 *February*, 1738.

Anent fire poles and buckets. The councill considering that when accidentall fire happens in the town the same might be the easier smuthered and extinguished if fire pole axes were furnished and provided for that end, whereby the rooffes and other parts of the houses and others that happen to be in flame could be cut down and confined within the walls, and the neighbourhood would be thereby in less danger of the fire, they therefore appoint the treasurer to furnish and provide six fire pole axes to be keept for the publick use of the burgh; and furder they recomend to the dean of gild and conveener to sight the town's fire buckets, and to cause the same be repaired so far as insufficient.

20 *February*, 1738.

Anent Mr. Ebenezer Erskine. The magistrats and town councill being conveened, and considering that there is a process to be carried on against the reverend Mr. Ebenezer Erskine, their only minister for the time, before the very reverend the provinciall synod of Perth and Sterling to meet att Perth tomorrow, the twenty first currant, and being aprehensive that the intent of that process is to deprive this town and congregation of the said Mr. Ebenezer Erskine's ministry, they therefore appoint Andrew Mershall and John Jaffray, baillies, [and three others], to go to Perth and give Mr. Erskine what countenance and assistance they can in the foresaid process.

18 *March*, 1738.

Alms house. The councill, as patrons of the Neather Hospitall, appoint the masters to cause instantly repair the alms house which lately fell down, conform to an estimat instantly produced and given back to them.

Contract and agreement with country shoemakers. The councill had produced and read to them a contract and agreement entered into betwixt the incorporation of cordners in this burgh and the country shoemakers of the date the tenth day of March last, whereby amongst

other things the particular time allowed the country shoemakers to sett and keep up their flakes and stands and to sell and expose their shoes to sale each weekly market day of this burgh is ascertained to be from ten aclock foirnoon till two aclock afternoon, and the councill having considered the said contract and agreement they ratifie and approve thereof in the heall heads, articles, and clauses of the same, and interpone their authority thereto and appoint the same to be inviolably observed in all time comeing.

Contract and agreement with country shoemakers.

1 *April*, 1738.

The councill considering that of the swords used by the town officers at publick parades there are only two belonging to the burgh, and that these two are very insufficient, they have therefore agreed that the officers be furnished and provided with new swords mounted with brass handles, to be worn by them on all publick occasions in time comeing; and having had a broad sword with the foresaid mounting showen them in councill by Walter Allan, armourer, they agree that he make other three swords of the same kind and goodness with the one now shown, and that the price of the whole four be six pound starling.

New swords to the officers.

6 *May*, 1738.

The councill considering that John Sloass, writeing master in the grammar school, has this day made a present to the town of an alphabet of all the hands in Great Brittain curiously wrot, they therefore appoint the treasurer to give to the said John Sloass twenty five pound four shilling Scots money, and appoint the treasurer to cause put the foresaid alphabet in a frame to be hung up in the councill house.

Two guineas to writeing master.

The councill considering that the largest bell in the church has been for sometime rent, and that it is necessar the same be founded of new, and that it is advised that it may be done as well and cheaper att Londone than any where else, they therefore appoint John Jaffray, baillie, to send the said bell to London to Mr. Claud Johnston, factor there, the said baillies correspondent, in order that he may get the same founded of new.

Founding of new one of the bells.

23 *September*, 1738.

The honourable Mr. Erskine of Grange represented that the act of council for the right manageing and improveing of the common good and revenews of the town and hospitalls of the date the third of August 1695, being what

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every burges of the town was nearly concerned in ought to be printed that each of them might have a double thereof for their better remembrance of the same, and that to contribute to so good a designe he himself would be at the expence of provideing five hundered printed coppies, and would transmitt them to the clerk to be destribute, provideing he were furnished with an extract of the said act for that end; and the council having considered this generous offerr of the said Mr. Erskine, they returned him thanks for the same, and appoint the clerk to furnish him with an extract of the said act when called for.

[The act of 1695 here referred to narrates that "by severall acts of parliament, and particularlie by the 36 act of the 3d parliament of King James the 4, and by the 181 act 13 parliament King James the 6, it is expresslie statute and ordained that the comone good of all burrowes should be layed out and imployed yeerlie for the necessities and advantages of the wholl communitie; and that it is just and reasonable that the wholl inhabitants and burgesses ought to be weell informed and satisfied as to the manadgeing and employeing of the comone good and revenues of the burgh wherin they are concerned"; that this burgh is prejudiced by the auditors of the town's and hospital's accounts being chosen either out of the members of council or by them; that it is a rule of well-governed burghs (but violated in Stirling) that none concerned in the magistrates and council should have tack of the town's revenues; and that there is "ane unparaleled custome and practise lately introduced and obtruded upon this burgh wherby the magistrates and council for the time did grant to their provost ane yearlie sallarie of ane thousand merks Scotes by and attoure allowance of his charges otherways." The magistrates and council, being resolved to reform these abuses, enacted that in future no member of council should be allowed any salary, pension, or gratuity out of the town or hospital's common good, nor take any of their mills, lands, or revenues; that neither provosts nor bailies should be auditors of the accounts, but that, in addition to the ordinary number of auditors chosen by the town council, two merchants should be chosen by the guildry and two tradesmen by the incorporated trades; that the auditors should have the exclusive power to approve or reject the accounts as they see cause; that the burgesses should be entitled to inspect the accounts and state objections during the auditing; and that members of council should, at their election, be sworn to observe these rules in all time coming.]

18 *November*, 1738.

Frocks to the lamp lighters.

Appoints Thomas Glen, town treasurer, to furnish and provide as much twiling as will be two frocks, viz., one to Robert Burn, weaver, and another to John Livingstone, town drummer, for wearing when they light the town's lamps.

30 *December*, 1738.

In pursuance of the act the twenty third of September last, the honourable Mr. Erskine of Grange produced in council five hundered printed coppies of the act of council for the right manageing of the common good and revenews of the town and hospitalls, of the date the third of August 1695, and made a present thereof to the council for the purpose mentioned in the said former act, for which the council returned him their most hearty thanks, and each of the council being just now furnished with a coppy of the said printed act they appoint the rest of the coppies to ly in the clerk's hands to be given out by him to the burgesses who shall desire the same.

Printed coppies of the act 1695 to be destribute.

The council having considered a petition given in by the managers of the royall infirmory of Edinburgh creaving the council's help, and that they might authorize and promote a contribution within their liberties for carrying on so pious and charitable a work as is intended by the said managers, the council therefore appoint the town treasurer to give to the managers twenty pound starling, and appoint the baillies to go through their severall quarters of the town, the fourth week of January next, and collect a voluntar contribution from the inhabitants towards the helping to carry on the foresaid pious and charitable work.

Contribution to the Edinburgh royall infirmory.

29*th January*, 1739.

The council considering the extraordinar damnage done to the town's steeple and the rooffs of the kirk, grammar school, and tolbuith, by the late storm, they appoint the treasurer to cause repair the same into a sufficient condition, and to employ propper persons for this end.

Act for some reparations.

3 *February*, 1739.

The baillies made report that in obedience to the act the thirtieth of December last, they had gone through their severall quarters of the town and had collected a voluntary contribution from the inhabitants for the royall infirmory of Edinburgh, and that this contribution extends to the sum of thirty five pound six shillings and four pence starling money; which sum the council appoint them to transmit to the managers of the infirmory sometime next week.

Royall infirmory.

Anent the poor and persons wanting certificats.

The council considering that the town is much opprest with poor not belonging to the place, and that the reall poor of the place might be better provided than they are were these extraneous poor keept out from among them and properer methods taken thereanent than hitherto has been done, the councill therefore appoint John Lowrie, quartermaster, and Robert Napier, glover, alongst with any of the town officers, to go through the town sometime next week and take up an exact list of the whole poor in the place and to enquire how long they have resided therein, and to make report thereof against the next diet of council, that they may fall on a proper method not only for the inhabitants being more eased but also for the poor themselves being better provided than formerly. As also the council considering that a great many of the inhabitants and landlords in the place do sett houses to persons wanting certificats of their good and honest behaviour, which tends evidently to the dishonour of the place as well as to the danger of the inhabitants goods therein, the councill therefore appoint the said John Lowrie and Robert Napier, when they take up the foresaid list of the poor, also to take up an exact list of the foresaid persons in the town who wants certificats, and of the persons and landlords who sett them houses, and to make report likeways as above.

3 *March*, 1739.

Repairing clock and musick bells.

The councill having considered a representation given in by Robert Melvine, keeper of the towns clock, shewing that there are many insufficiencies about the clock and musick bells by reason of roust and otherways, and that the same ought to be rectified, and that instead of iron weirs, which are continually in disorder by roust, their should be brass weirs furnished to the bells, and that the hammers and springs should be cleaned and coloured with oyl, they appoint the said Robert Melvine to repair the foresaid insufficiencies and furnish the brass weir.

Anent the poor.

In obedience to the act the third of February last anent the poor and persons wanting certificats, John Lowrie, quartermaster, and Robert Napier, glover, gave in a list of the poor of the place, and of the persons wanting certificats, and of their landlords, and the councill appoint the said John Lowrie and Robert Napier to go through the town again and try what the inhabitants will willingly contribute and give towards the maintainance of the

poor of the place in order to prevent their being troubled with these begging at their houses, and to make report against next councill day. **Anent the poor.**

19*th June*, 1739.

Appoints the town treasurer to cause make two doors for the kirk steeple to prevent boys getting into the same, and to cause repair the kirk yaird dike so far as fallen down or insufficient. **Steeple and kirk yaird dike.**

The council considering the invidiousness of the pleas carried on before the court of session by John Miller, meason, Edward Mayne, and Alexander Gillchrist, merchants, and John Ballfour, flesher, against three of the magistrats upon the act of parliament anent wrongous imprisonment, and that after the outmost pains taken upon the persons beforenamed and frequent fair offers made to them on the part of the magistrats to have the forsaid pleas taken away in an amicable and friendly way, yet these persons are not only obstinate in refuseing to comply therewith but are stirred up and abetted in their carrying on of the forsaid pleas by severall others, who in such a case cannot be thought either to have the peace or real interest of the pleace at heart; and the councill considering that in all such litigious and invidious pleas or processes not only the just respect due to the magistracy but likewise the honour of the burgh is contemned and struck at, so that it is highly reasonable that both these should be preserved and the persons endeavouring to incroach upon the same should be discouraged; therefore the councill do unanimously, except one, approve of their treasurer his haveing hitherto advanced and laid out money off the common good towards the defence of the magistrats in the forsaid pleas, and so far as shall be furder necessar that way appoint him to advance and lay out the same till the issue of said pleas. **Expence of processes before the lords.**

30 *June*, 1739.

The councill considering that, by reason of the inhabitants throwing in redd, rubbish, or nastiness, into or so near by the syvours or run channells in the town as that the same when rain happens is thereby carried in to the Burrowmilln damb, that damb requires oftner to be casten than otherways it would; and they likeways considering that a great many vagrant persons and others given to pickery and stealing are intertained and harboured by some of the inhabitants of this place to the imminent danger thereof; the council **Throwing redd into run-channells; intertaining vagrants.**

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therefore appoint a bank to be put thro' the town by touck of drum prohibiteing and dischargeing the throwing down any redd as aforesaid, under the pain of ten pound, and the harbouring or intertaining any vagrant, under the pain of twenty pound Scots for each transgression, *toties quoties*, attour being otherways liable and punishable according to law.

Anent the poor.

In obedience to the act anent the poor, the third of March last, Robert Napier, glover, gave in a list of what some of the inhabitants are willing to contribute and give weekly towards the maintainance of the town's poor; and the council recomend to each baillie in his quarter to cause order all other vagrant poor to remove themselves out of this place, upon their perill that they will be extruded the same; and in the mean time continue the furder consideration as to the reall town's poor till that be done.

21 *July*, 1739.

Act for a hospitall to the soldiers.

The magistrats and town councill considering that they presently want a house for an hospital to the sick of the military, and that there is good conveniency that way to be had in that house called the red tiled house belonging to collonell John Erskine of Carnock, they therefore authorize Thomas Glen, town treasurer, to take as much of the said house as will serve for the forsaid purpose.

28*th July*, 1739.

Anent absents from the councill.

The councill having considered that severalls of their members frequently either absent themselves from the councill altogether or do not punctually attend att the hour appointed, which retards and protracts the dispatch of their business very much, they for preventing thereof statute and enact that each member duely warned, and who shall either altogether absent himself from the councill or not punctually attend att the hour appointed without a lawfull excuse, shall be liable to a fine of half a merk Scots to be paid before he be afterwards allowed to take his seat in councill.

Anent the soldiers hospitall.

Appoints the clerk to write to collonell Erskine of Carnock to know if he will sett to the town the three uppermost rooms of the red tiled house in the Baxters Wynd for an hospitall to the sick of the military, at the rate of thirteen pound Scots yearly; and, as the rooff of the said house is presently insufficient, to acquaint him that the councill will repair the same if he will allow them to possess it while they be reimbursed of that expence by the rent in their own hands.

4 *August*, 1739.

It was moved in councill that the town's charters and other writes in the charter house are, as they are at present keept, in great disorder, and that it was necessar the same should be inventaried and the room where they are better fitted up for them, and the councill continue the furder consideration of this matter till the next diet of councill. **Inventarying town's writes.**

The clerk reported that in obedience to the act last diet he had wrott to collonell John Erskine of Carnock anent the three uppermost rooms of the ridd tayled house for a hospittall to the sick of the military, and that he had received his answere, that he was willing to serve the town in that particular but wanted to be informed as to the rent and reparations before he would enter into any bargain, and the clerk produced and read his missive to this purpose. The councill therefore delay this matter till they be furder advised by the collonell. **Anent the soldiers hospittall.**

The councill considering that the Back walk is presently insufficient in severall parts, they therefore recommend to Thomas Gillespie, late baillie, to cause repair the same. **Anent the Back walk.**

It being represented that the calseways leading throw the Friarwynd and to the shoar and Burrowmiln are at present in great disorder, the councill recommend to the dean of gild, conveenor, and John Burd, merchant councillor, to visite the same, and to report their judgement thereanent against the next diet of councill. **Anent some calseways.**

25 *August*, 1739.

The councill considering that the experiment that has been made for getting a well below the foot of the Mary Wynd for the greater conveniency of the inhabitants seems to answer, plenty of water being found there, they therefore recomend to James Wallace, late baillie, with the treasurer, to cause build the said well after the most safe manner for preventing children or any others falling in thereto. **Well below the Mary Wynd.**

Anent the representation and petition given in by [the incorporation of taylors, referring to acts of council in their favor dated 19 May 1645, 19 April 1647, [4] September 1682 and 28 August 1703,] the magistrates and councill statute and enact that in all time comeing the deacon of the said incorporation of taylors, and his successors in that office and bretheren for the time, shall **Act and grant in favors of the taylors.**

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have power to seise upon, take, and apprehend all manner of work wrought without the burgh and brought in thereto by unfreemen taylors, and to keep and detaine the same while they pay an unlaw of ten pound Scots, and where the work cannot be aprehended to call and conveen before themselves such unfreemen, and there after triall to unlaw them in the like sum of ten pound Scots, *toties quoties*, and to take caution of them to desist thereafter from so contraveening; and the said magistrats and councill likeways statute and enact that in case of an unfreemen taylor being found working within the burgh it shall then be in the power of the said incorporation of taylors to seise and apprehend the unfreeman taylor and his work looms, and to detaine him and them while he pay the forsaid unlaw of ten pound Scots, but no ways to seise or detaine the work if belonging to any inhabitant of this burgh. And the councill ratifie and approve of the former acts and intimations thereof mentioned in the foregoing petition, but only in so far as agreeable to the tenor of this present act and grant and no other ways.

15 *September*, 1739.

Annulling a sentence of the mechanicks.

Anent the petition and complaint formerly given in by Charles Alexander, wright in Sterling, shewing that he having been employed by Robert Anderson, baxter, to do some work for him, and having employed under him one Woolfart, a castle soldier, as plaisterer, John Miller, present overseer of the mechanicks, caused on the eighteenth of July last conveen a picked out number of the mechanicks fitted for his purpose; the rest who were not for violent proceedings were omitted. To this meeting the petitioner was warned; and there this court proceeded in a most arbitrary and illegal way, and without any the least proof they judged and put it to the vote and found that he had packed and pealed with an unfreeman, and therefore fined him conform to some irregular act of theirs, and, tho' the same was not mentioned, he was informed the penalty was no less than fourty pound; and furder, they discharged him from electing or being elected till he fulfilled that act; and therefore craving redress. . . . The councill having considered the same, they find the mechanicks sentence complained of to be both unjust and unwarrantable, and that the fact upon which the mechanick court proceeded being only employing an unfreeman to work under a freeman is not packing or pealing with unfreemen, which is the cause mentioned in the sentence;

and therefore the councill cass and annull the said sentence in all time comeing, and suspend the same *simpliciter* for ever, and restor the petitioner *in integrum* thereagainst; and are of opinion that he is entitled to damages and charges, and reserve him action therefore as accords.

Annulling a sentence of the mechanicks.

3 *November*, 1739.

Appoints the treasurer to cause mend that part of the iron doore of the thiefs hold or prison lately broke, and that in the most sufficient manner.

Thiefs hold doore.

1 *December*, 1739.

The councill, considering the great dirtiness of the streets and a petition and proposall of severall of the inhabitants for first making and after for keeping them clean, do hereby appoint all them there subscribing, viz., John Finlayson, sherriff clerk of Stirling, Alexander Stewart, writer there, [and 23 others], to have full power each within his own neighbourhood or district, as they shall among themselves agree, and to change or include from time to time any others whomever they shall find proper, to cause each to keep clean before his own front till the middle of the street every Saturnday morning, or oftner if needful; to remove all dung, rubbish, stones, straw, timber, or other nausances or incumberances whatever, under the penalty of six pence, half a crown, or a crown, as the baillie of the quarter shall determine, to be paid in to the particular overseer within that district and applied by him for furthering this design, or given by him to the officer or constable as he thinks fitt; and which officers are hereby on that account ordered to charge any neglecting or contemning the forsaid order, when required by any one of the forsaid overseers, with all necessar dispatch; and to exact the forsaid penalties for each miding of any kind lying above fourty eight hours upon the street, [for] throwing over of pails of foul water, ashes, or other publick nausance, on people passing the streets or closses, out of windows, or otherways notoriously transgressing this present act and order, to which for the generall convenience of the leidges and at their own desire they do hereby requyre all to give strict and ready obedience.

Act for keeping clean streets, &c.

12 *January*, 1740.

The magistrats and town councill having considered a petition formerly given in by James Reid, milner at the Bridge Miln, with respect to his having contrived ane ingine for the easier lifting and laying on heavy loads at the

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miln, and having heard the report of a committee of their number, who inspected the said ingine, that the same answers the design, they thereiore appoint Thomas Glen, town treasurer, to give twelve pound twelve shilling Scots to the said James Reid for the forsaid contrivance and the expence of the ingine itself.

Distributing coals to the poore.

Baillie Thomas Christie gave in to the councill a letter to him from Sir Hugh Paterson of Bannockburn, generously makeing ane offer of causeing fourty loads of his small coalls to be delivered to such of the poore of this place as are thought to stand most in need thereof, and the councill appoint the said baillie Christie in their name to return Sir Hugh hearty thanks for his offer; and appoint the treasurer to cause bring in the said number of coalls at the expence of the town, and to deliver them to the severall indigent poore of whom a list is to be given him.

26 *January*, 1740.

£35 from lord Erskine distribute to the poore.

Baillie Thomas Christie represented and showed a letter from the right honorable lord Erskine, makeing ane offer of ten chalders of his coalls in compliment to the poore of the place, and the said Thomas represented that my lords factor had informed him that my lord had not at present the coalls to send up, for which reason he was satisfied to pay in the price of them being thirty five pound Scots, and that he the said Thomas haveing taken the mind of the magistrats thereupon they had agreed to accept of the money, and that accordingly the money was paid and distribute by the magistrats to such of the poore of the place as were most necessitous; and the councill having considered the forsaid representation and letter they aprove of the magistrats haveing received the money in lieu of the coalls and destribute the same as represented, and in token of their gratitude to my lord Erskine for so generous a compliment and charitable ane action to the poore in their present straitned circumstances, appoint the dean of gild in their name to write a letter to my lord acknowledging the same, and returning his lordship the councill, for themselves and in name of the whole town, their most hearty thanks for so generous a compliment and charitable ane action.

Anent the poore being furnished with meall and fyre.

The councill considering the very straitned and pinching circumstances of the poore of the place, both for meall and fire, occasioned by the long and extraordinary severe frost this winter, which still continues, they do enact that

no mealmunger in the place shall keep any quantity of meall in their houses more than is sufficient for the maintainance of their families, but that they do lodge the same in the publick meall mercate, there to be exposed and sold each lawfull day of the week, for which end that mercate is hereby appointed so to be kept open that the poore may have an opertunity of being furnished with meall for their support, and that under the penalty of ten pounds Scots money to be paid by each meall munger contraveening this act, for each contravention of it, to the magistrats to be applyed by them for the use of the poore; and appoints thir presents to be instantly published through the toun by touck of drum, that none may pretend ignorance thereof, and so immediatly thereafter to take place. And the councill appoint the treasurer to furnish and keep a quantity of coalls in a cellar of his below that house in the Baxter Wynd possesst by Alexander Miller, baxter, for the use of the poore dureing the continuance of this frost, there to be sold owt to them by the town officers at a halfpenny the stone each lawfull day of the week; and appoints intimation likewise of this to be made through the toun, and that the poore will be so served in coalls upon Munday first and each lawfull day thereafter dureing the continuance of this frost.

Anent the poore being furnished with meall and fyre.

12 *February*, 1740.

The councill taking to their consideration that it has been recomended to them once and again by the presbetery to give a compliment to such young men as the presbetery appoint to preach in Sterling kirk from time to time during the vaccancy, they agree to the proposall, and doe hereby authorize their treasurer to pay to each young man who has preached in said kirk by order of the presbetery since last presbetery day, or shall hereafter do so during the vaccancy and the councills pleasure, half a guinea for each Sabath they have already since last presbetery preached and shall hereafter preach during forsaid space.

Half a guinea to each probationer preaching during vacancy.

The councill considering that it has been the practise of severall royall burrows to provide bibles to lye in their kirks for the use of the magistrats, dean of gild, and conveener, which has not hitherto been observed here, do therefore appoint the treasurer to cause James Jaffray, stationer, provide seven bibles of a large quarto size, good print, handsomely bound and covered, to be used in the kirk by the provost, four baillies, dean of gild, and conveener, presently in being, and their successors.

Bibles to the magistrates, &c.

Plan of a court place.

The councill do authorize the magistrats, or any of them, to procure and lay before them a plan of a convenient court place in the clerks chamber, wher the magistrats present and to come may sitt in judgment.

8 *March*, 1740.

Approveing act of taylors for orphans maintainance.

Anent the petition and representation given in by Hugh Lennox, [in name of the incorporation of taylors], shewing that the said incorporation having on the thirty first of January 1737, out of a pious and charitable designe for the better preservation of their stock, and for settling a fund for the benefit, maintainance, and education of orphans belonging to any of the incorporation, whether male or female, till they were capable to do for themselves, (a thing formerly very much neglected), voluntarly and most generously stented themselves and oblidged them to pay into the boxmaster six shilling Scots quarterly, or at least two shillings starling at the end of each year; . . . yet, notwithstanding all this, there are severall persons like to break up amongst the said incorporation, who, void of all charity and bowells of compassion, are making a bustle as if they would have this so charitable a work frustrated, which has been hitherto carried on with very good success, and may furder prove successfull and beneficiall for the good of mankind; and the petitioner and his adherents can see no cause for this bustle, if it is not this, that severall of the funds, which by the foresaid act are appointed to be laid out for pious uses, used formerly to be drunk, which it's hoped the councill would prevent by their sanction to the said act . . . The magistrats and councill find that conveener Lennox has done good service to his trade in making the forsaid application to the councill, because the forsaid act of the taylor court appears to be most just and reasonable in all its parts, and to be made out of a reall good intent and designe; and therefore they unanimously ratifie and approve thereof, and interpone their authority and sanction thereto.

22 *March*, 1740.

Middings on the shoar, &c.

It being represented that the commerce of the place is much impeded at the shoar by some of the inhabitants laying down their middings or dunghills there and on the way leading to the same, the councill therefore appoint such as have any middings or dunghills at present either lying upon the shoar or the way leading to it to remove and carry off the same betwixt and Tuesday

morning nixt; . . . and furder, the councill prohibite and discharge the whole inhabitants from laying down their middings or fuilyie upon the shoar or way leading to it in time coming. **Middings on the shoar, &c.**

10 *May*, 1740.

Appoints Thomas Glen, town treasurer, to cause Thomas Glass, wright, erect a court place and other necessars in the clerks chamber conform to the plann formerly shewn in councill. **Court place.**

14 *June*, 1740.

The councill having laid before them by Duncan Watson, merchantr, proposalls about the cleaning and redding of the Toun, Abbay, and Mainer foords, they recomend to the dean of gild to call a gild court and lay these proposalls before them and require their opinion in the matter. **Anent redding the foords.**

28 *June*, 1740.

A comittee having visited the town foord, they were of oppinion that the removeing the stones therefrom is practicable and that at a moderate expence, and that as the present season seems so fitt for doeing the thing, it was the oppinion of the committee that no time should be lost in falling about it, and that it was their opinion that a dozen of strong men with a sufficient number of iron and timber leauthers, picks, and ropes, &c., may be provided, as also a boat to carry anything away that may be thought necessary, and that proper persons may be appointed to oversee the workmen from time to time by turns; and the councill having considered the forsaid report, they approve thereof [and direct the work to be proceeded with]. **Anent redding the town's foord.**

19 *July*, 1740.

Baillie Thomas Christie represented that, as he had been desired by severals of the councill and others in the town, he had, when at Edinburgh as commissioner to the burrows, converst with one Mr. Campble, a person who understands that of raiseing water, and that in view to the bringing in the water from St. Ninians well to the town for the better service of the inhabitants; and that accordingly Mr. Campble had come to this place and made ane estimate of the expences of bringing in the watter from the forsaid well, and he, the baillie, had given him two guineas for his trouble. **Anent St. Ninians well.**

2 *August*, 1740.

Accompt for bibles.

The councill approve of a particular accompt of seven pound five shillings and sixpence sterling money due to James Jaffray, stationer, for furnishing bibles with covers to the provost, baillies, dean of gild, and conveener.

18 *August*, 1740.

Report anent a clause in the act of relief.

Anent the act the thirteenth currant for conveening the communities to have their oppinion whether the import and meaning of these words in the act of relief, viz., that each of the communities shall have a voice in calling of the second and third ministers,[1] be that each individual member of a community, or only each community by a representative ought to have a decisive voice in the calling of a second minister, reports were brought in from the different communities as follows, viz., from the gildry, that they made no explanation of the forsaid words or clause; from the hammermen, that each community has only a voice by a delegate or representative, and by which report they nominate a delegate to represent them in the call; from the weavers, that each man in the trade shall have a free vote in the call; from the taylors, that each community only should have a decisive voice in the call, and that by a representive; from the cordiners, that each community has only a voice by a representative, and by which report they nominate a delegate; from the fleshers, that each individual person should have a decisive voice in the call; from the glovers two reports were brought in, viz., one of the date the sixteenth currant by which they give their opinion, that each incorporation shall by their representative have a voice in calling and not each individuall person, and by another of this date by which they give it as their opinion, that every individuall member of that incorporation shall have a voice in the call and not by a representative; from the baxters, that each community only should have a decisive voice by a representative in the call; from the maltmen, that they should not make any explanation of the import of the forsaid clause, and by which report they nominate a delegate; from the mechanicks, that they should make no explanation of the import of the forsaid clause, and by which report they nominate a delegate; from the omnigathrum, that every person of the community shall have a free and decisive vote in the call; and

[1] Antea, p. 215.

from the barbers, that the community as a collective body should have one voice in the call.

Report anent a clause in the act of relief.

6 *September*, 1740.

The magistrats and toun councill considering that they and severall other persons concerned did upon the third day of September current subscribe two calls, viz., one to the reverend Mr. Thomas Turner, minister of the gospell at Tullyallan, to be the first minister, and another to the reverend Mr. Daniell M'Queen, minister of the gospell at Dalziell, to be the second minister of this congregation; and that the very reverend presbitery of Sterling at their meeting upon the foresaid day have approven of and sustain the said calls as regularly and orderly proceeded in, and concurred therewith; the councill therefore [appoint commissioners to take farther proceedings in prosecuting the call].

Calls to Mr. Turner and Mr. M'Queen.

13 *September*, 1740.

The councill considering that they are frequently troubled with petitions for charity by reason of the present straitning circumstances of the time, they do therefore and for preventing the like while the straits continue, recomend to the baillies severally to draw precepts upon the toun treasurer or the masters of the Neather Hospital for charity to such persons whose necessity shall be made known to the baillie within the quarter where these do reside.

Distributing charity.

20 *December*, 1740.

The councill still considering the clamant necessity of the poor, by reason of the present scarcity and dearth of victuall, they appoint James Walker, toun treasurer, to advance twenty pound starling to Thomas Miller and Thomas Wordie, burgesses, to go through the country and buy meall to that value, and to bring it in and sell out the same in the toun to the poor thereof at the price the same beis bought in the country, and the buyers are to be considered for their pains.

Provideing meall for the poor.

25 *December*, 1740.

The magistrats and toun councill being conveened, and there being proposalls laid before them with respect to the supporting of the poor in this place and preventing their going abroad and publickly begging, and wherein it is proposed that each community in the toun should contribute weekly to the foresaid support, the councill therefore recomend to the conveener

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and remanent deacons of the seven incorporate trades to conveen their respective incorporations, and to the baillies severally to conveen the maltmen, mechannicks, omnigathrum, and barbers, and to the dean of gild to conveen the gildry, and that in order to know what they will agree to give voluntarly weekly in time cumming for supporting the poor and preventing their begging as said is.

18 *April*, 1741.

Transportation of Mr. Turner and Mr. Macqueen.

The councill considering the expence that the reverend Mr. Thomas Turner and Mr. Daniell Macqueen, ministers of this place, must have necessarly been putt to in the transporting themselves with their families and furniture from the respective parishes in which they were formerly settled to this place, the councill therefore allow to each of them 500 merks Scots for defraying the forsaid expense.

2 *May*, 1741.

Anent repairing the bridge.

It being represented that the bridge ledges are not sufficient, and that the safe guards around the pillars thereof are much carried off by the late storms and speats, and therefore ought to be repaired, the council recomend to the magistrats to have that affair under their consideration and to take proper advice how the same ought to be repaired.

30 *May*, 1741.

Regulating the beddal's dues.

Anent a petition given in by William Stivenson, beddall, shewing that, by reason of private buryings without previous intimation by the bell through the toun being now much come in fashion, his former perquisites are much reduced, and therefore craving a regulation with respect thereto; the council having considered the said petition, and it consisting with their knouledge that the beddall usually till of late years made intimation of each burying through the town at least once, and also attended with the bell at the burying, and that the gratification given him was one shilling starling at least for each of these times, except as to poor people which was only the half, viz., one shilling starling for both times; and therefore the council do statute and declare the foresaid usuall gratifications in the two different cases above mentioned to be the rule as to the beddall's exacting his perquisites or dues for burialls in all time comming, and that whether he beis employed to

intimate the burying through the toun or not; and the council, as the said William Stevenson has craved, appoint Thomas Glen, chyrurgeon in Sterling, to deliver up to the said William the register of buryings that was keept by Patrick Downie, former beddall, and is now in the said Thomas his custody.

Regulating the beddal's dues.

The council having considered an objection in write formerly made by William Christie, one of the present baillies of this burgh, against James Jaffray, younger, merchant there, his acting or voting anyway as a councilor of the said burgh during his legall incapacity by being under the age of twenty one years and so minor, together with the ansuers in write made by the said James Jaffray to the said objection . . . , the council do incapacitate the said James Jaffray to be a member of the councill during his minority.

Incapacitating member of councill during minority.

12 *June*, 1741.

It was proposed that the weekly contributions for the poor should be continued as formerly till the first of October at least, and longer as the magistrats may see needfull; [and the magistrates and council recommended that the guildry, trades, and others, be convened] to have the above proposall under their consideration, and to make report what each trade or society will contribute weekly towards the maintinance of the poor till the said first of October, and longer as the magistrates shall see needfull.

Anent a weekly contribution for the poor.

11 *July*, 1741.

Anent the petition and representation this day given in by John Nicoll, present deacon of the incorporation of weavers in this burgh, for himself and in name of the remanent members of the said incorporation, shewing that the said incorporation have been immemorially in possession of searching the weekly mercats and fairs of the said burgh, by their deacon for the time being and the masters or others of the trade of the deacons appointing, for discovering of frauds or cheats in eln or tale of the worsted or linnen yairn that is brought there to be sold; and when any fraud or cheat has been found out in any of these kinds of yairn the constant practice has been that the samen has been apprehended and seized by the said deacon or those others of his appointment and carryed before one of the magistrats of the said burgh in order to condemnation; and after triall, and the baillie's finding the fraud or cheat either in the eln or tale, the yairn so apprehended and seized has been

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alwise confiscate and condemned to the apprehenders for behoof of the poor of the said incorporation, and besides the offender or person guilty of the fraud or cheat has been punished by the baillie in a fine and unlaw of five pound Scots money applicable as he thinks proper; that as this has been the immemorial and constant practice of the burgh in the above particular, so the said incorporation apprehends that the samen has been introduced for the publick well and utility not only of this place but of the liedges in general, and that the incorporation have been warranted thereto by the magistrats and council their authority, and if the records of council were lookt into it is thought the same would be found to be so, but the particular act or grant with respect thereto the said incorporation are not at present masters of an extract thereof, the samen having fallen by them; and that as the particular represented with respect to searching the mercates and fairs and seizing and condemning the yairn and punishing the offender in the manner above represented is a certain and indisputable fact known to the haill inhabitants, and that whether it shall be found to have been warranted by the councils authority or not, yet as it has so long obtained as to have become an immemorial custome or practice of publick well and utility, so it is necessary for the same reasone that the magistrats and council their approbation and confirmation of that custom and practice, and any former rules or acts thereanent, and authority for continuing the same in time comming, be had and interposed by the said magistrats and council by way of grant in favours of the said incorporation, and therefore praying to the effect after mentioned. . . . The magistrats and council having considered the representation and petition, and it consisting with the knowledge of severals of them that the custome and practice represented is true in fact, they therefore ratifie, approve of, and confirm all acts and grants in favours of the said incorporation with respect to the particular before represented, [and authorised the former practise of searching, seizure, confiscation, and punishment, to be continued].

7 *November*, 1741.

Act anent the right framing the accompts, &c.

The councill considering that the method wherein the publick accompts of the town and Cowans Hospitall have been framed for some time past, by the accomptants not charging themselves with any principall sumes or annualrents except as to these bonds whereof they have paid annualrent for that

year, renders it quitt impracticable to discover the real state of the town or hospitall from the accounts themselves or such abstracts as can be made from them, and which may be of dangerous consequence unless suitably and timeously remeded, the councill therefore enjoin, order, and appoint the severall accomptants in all time coming, either for the town, Cowans Hospitall, Nether Hospitall, and Allan's mortification, that in making up their severall accompts for the future they do charge themselves with the haill principall sumes and annualrents due thereon to the term of the bonds preceeding the making of the accompts, and that they discharge themselves likeways with the principall sumes and annualrents that may be then unpaid of every particular principall sume, so that the haill principall sumes, with what annualrent is due on each of them, may distinctly appear from the face of the accompts; and the councill do appoint the town clerk for the future to make up regular abstracts of the severall accompts within fourteen days of their being fitted, so that they may be ready for booking so soon as the time is elapsed which these accompts are obliged to lye in his hands to be inspected by every burges that has a mind; and furder the councill declare that the foresaid accompts shall not be approven of in councill till once the foresaid abstract be booked.

Act anent the right framing the accompts, &c.

10 *November*, 1741.

The council, before proceeding to set the customs of the meall markett, do hereby enact that the ladle meall exacted in the meall mercate for the year the same is now to be sett be converted into money, as being judged more equitable both for the tacksman of that duty and these that bring the meall to the mercate, and that this conversion be as follows, viz., two shillings Scots for and out of each boll meall, and one shilling Scots for and out of each boll of pease and bear meall, and four shilling Scots out of each boll of shilled barley and grotts, and so in proportion for greater or lesser quantitys, and that in lieu and place of the foresaid ladle hitherto in use to have been exacted; but this conversion to be still without prejudice to the tacksman of the said market to exact his other dues conform to use and wont.

Custom of the ladle.

5 *December*, 1741.

The councill, as patrons of the Neather Hospital, appoint the masters thereof to give four pound Scots to Walter Stivenson, flesher, for the use of the bull that was furnished to the hospital park last season.

£4 for use of bull.

Advertizeing an escaped prisoner in the Gazett.

The council considering that William Young of Summerhouse, lately prisoner in their tolbooth, broke the prison and made his escape in the night betwixt Saturnday's evening and Sunday's morning last, they do therefore appoint the clerk to cause advertise the same in the Gazett, and that whosoever shall apprehend the said William Young and bring him back, so as he may be secured in the said tolbooth again, shall have five guineas of reward.

16 *January*, 1742.

Accompts for public spendings.

The councill considering that it is highly reasonable the particular cause of any publick spending, either off the revenues of the town, the Over and Neather Hospitalls, or Allan's mortification, for the future should be exprest in the accompts of these spendings, and not mentiond in the generall as about the towns hospitalls or mortifications business affairs or concerns, as sometimes has been hitherto practised, they do therefore statute and enact that in no time coming shall any accompt of publick spending, which does not particularly express and mention a speciall cause and occasion of the spending, be received in or approven by the councill, but the same shall be rejected albeit attested by a magistrate.

30 *January*, 1742.

Appointing John Gibb master of publick works.

The town councill as such, and as patrons of the Over and Neather Hospitals and Allans mortification, considering that it would tend much to the intrest and advantage of the town, the said hospitals, and mortification, that there were a particular person appointed to oversee the publick works belonging thereto, and understanding that John Gibb, late baillie, is willing to take that trouble without any sallary or gratification, they therefore nominate and appoint him to be master and overseer of all the publick works belonging to the town, hospitals, and the said mortification, during the joint pleasure of the councill and the said John Gibb allenarly, with this provision always that he shall serve gratis, and that the workmen to be employed to the said publick works shall be employed by the council and the said John Gibb jointly.

1 *May*, 1742.

Stone seat in back walk.

The councill appoint Laurance Keir, vice treasurer, to cause putt up a stone seat in the back walk, in such part thereof and with such an inscription thereon as William Edmondstone of Cambswallace, who first contrived the

foresaid walk, oversaw the making of it, and has taken the trouble in keeping it in repair since, shall point out and direct. Stone seat in back walk.

The councill recomend to the magistrats, dean of gild, and conveener, to meet and call proper tradesmen to their assistance for considering what tools or engines are most proper and necessar for extinguishing fire when it hapens in the place. Fire engines.

31 *July*, 1742.

The councill having considered a petition given in by David Gillespie, David Portous, and William Wright, merchants in Sterling, craving that the councill would enact that the wooll sold in the town and carried forth thereof should be custom free, and that an equivalent should be imposed upon the wooll brought into the freemen of the town, they do statute and enact that in all time coming from and after Martinmass next the wooll bought from the inhabitants and carried forth of the burgh be custom free, and that from and after the foresaid time each pack of wooll brought into the inhabitants shall pay three shillings Scots of custom at the port at which it beis brought in; but with this provision, that the said William Wright do find sufficient baill that the common good of the town shall not suffer any hurt by this regulation, particularly that the customs at the bridge and Burrowsgate for the ensueing year after the said Martinmass next shall at least be sett at the same yearly rent that they were last sett at. Custom on wooll.

28 *August*, 1742.

The councill having considered a petition from Alexander Græme, hatter, setting furth that he had been imployed to make white colloured hatts to the four toun officers and drummer in May last as usual, and that altho he had made them yet they were still on his hands, and the officers and drummer provided in black coloured hatts, by reason of some misunderstanding that happened betwixt the said Alexander's wife and the treasurer while he the said Alexander was indisposed, the councill therefore, upon the said Alexander Græmes dying the foresaid hatts black, appoint the treasurer to receive them and to pay him four shillings starling for each of them, that they may serve for the ensueing year after May next. Anent the officers and drummers hatts.

The councill having considered an information and petition given in by severall maltmen and distillers in the burgh, setting furth that for some Impost on liquor called ginn or Geneva, &c.

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time past there have been considerable quantitys of that pernicious and destructive spirituous liquor commonly called ginn or Geneva, and which likeways now sometimes goes under the name of English brandy or Brittish spirits, imported into this burgh, sometimes unmixed and sometimes mixt with other spirituous liquors, and that the importation of the foresaid pernicious and destructive liquor still continues, tending not only to the hurt of the inhabitants and country about in general and maltmen and distillers in particular, but also to the diminution of the common good and revenue of the said burgh, the greatest part whereof arises from the brewing and distilling of malt; the councill do therefore unanimously statute, enact, and ordain that in all time coming there shall be levied out of each Scots pint of the foresaid spirituous liquor commonly called ginn or Geneva, or by whatever other name it may be called or go under, or of any kind of spirituous liquors with which the same may be mixt, the sum of twelve shilling Scots money, and so in proportion for greater or lesser quantities of the said spirituous liquor that shall hereafter be imported or found within the burgh, and that in place and in lieu of the converted multure that might arise to the burgh from the distilling of malt, if the foresaid pernicious spirituous liquor were not imported and vended to the discouragement of home brewen spirits, commonly known by the name of aqua vitæ, which are distilled from malt . . . [The impost to be applied] the one half thereof to the common good of the burgh, and the other half therof to such person or persons as shall inform, discover, and make appear the importation or the having of such spirituous liquors.

11 *December*, 1742.

Against setting houses without licence of a magistrat.

The councill considering that for several years past there have a great deale of poor people, strangers from the Highlands and other parts, taken up their residence in this burgh, who are not only unable to mantain themselves without begging but are idley disposed, and who alongest with their children are very oft given to piking, pilfering, and stealing, and some of whom take up hucksteries and victualing houses for soldiers, and under such pretence do frequently keep very bad houses, and that when any degree of dearth hapens such persons become exceeding burdensome to the inhabitants for their subsistance, as was found during the time of the late dearth, and that at present there not only are great numbers of people of the foresaid carracter

still in the place, but are dayly increasing to the great hurt and prejudice thereof; therefor, and for remeading of this evil in time coming, the magistrats and councill do hereby unanimously enact, statute, and ordain that, from this time forth, no heritor, proprietar, or liferenter of houses within this burgh or territories thereof, nor their factors or doers, shall on any pretence whatsoever sett such houses, rooms, or lodgings, for long or short time, to any person or persons either at present residing within the said burgh or territories thereof or that may hereafter come to it, excepting only to actual burgesses, and to their relicts or children while unmarried, and to soldiers while quartered here, without first acquainting one of the magistrats of such their intention to sett, and having his licence and authority for that effect in writing, which is hereby ordained to be recorded in a register to be keeped by James Moir, the touns quarter master, for that purpose, and that under the penalty of a years rent of the houses, rooms, or lodgings which shall be so unwarrantably sett, to be recovered at the instance of the said James Moir, or whoever hereafter shall be keeper of the said register, and applied at directions of the magistrats as they shall think proper; and the councill appoint publick intimation of this act to be made through the burgh by touck of drum on Munday first, that none of the inhabitants may pretend ignorance thereof.

Against setting houses without licence of a magistrat.

5 *February*, 1743.

The councill having considered a petition given into them by Robert Douglass, present deacon of the incorporation of weavers in Stirling, for himself and in name of the community, shewing that the stated and ordinar place of buying and selling yairn in the yairn market of this burgh was in the north side of the Broad Street betwixt the dounmost corner of the touns new house and the troan, and that all sellers and buyers of yarn has been discharged from selling or buying yairn in any other place within the burgh except in the foresaid place, both by acts of the town councill, acts of the justices of the peace, and acts of the said incorporation, binding and oblidging themselves not to buy yearn in any other part than the above mentioned place; notwithstanding thereof there has been of late several persons who have fallen into a custom of buying and selling of yearn both in the Baxters Wynd, Mary's Wynd, and other parts of the town, to the great detriment of those who are punctuall observers of the foresaid acts, and therefore

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craving to the effect aftermentioned; the council therefore of new statute, enact, and ordain, that no persone or persons for the future sell or buy yearn in any part of this burgh except in the place formerly appointed by the councill to be the place for buying and selling yearn, and that under the penalty of ten pound Scots for each transgression; and appoint publick intimation hereof to be made through the burgh by touck of drum, that none may pretend ignorance hereof.

16 *April*, 1743.

Conveening gildrie and trades anent choosing a clerk.

The magistrats and toun councill taking into their consideration that the office of common clerk of the said burgh has now become vacant and at their disposal by the death of David Nicoll, their late clerk, and also considering that ane innovation has been introduced both in the said David Nicoll and his deceast father, who was also town clerk, their times, in appointing them clerks of the said burgh for life, contrair to the former antient and uniform practice of the said burgh by which the town clerks were annually elected, and that altho' this burgh suffered no inconvenience throw the foresaid two commissions, (the saids two clerks having both faithfully and dutyfully behaved in their offices), yet the granting of such commissions to subsequent clerks may sometime or other prove very pernicious and hurtfull to the interest of the burgh and be attended with great inconveniencies; for remeading of which the saids magistrats and town councill do propose that, previous to the nomination or election of any to be common or town clerk of this burgh, an act of the said town councill shall be made, statuting, ordaining, and appointing that in all time coming no clerk for the said burgh shall be chosen during life nor yet for any longer time or space at once than for one year, so that the election of the said town clerk shall be yearly hereafter at Michaelmas alongest with the magistrats and toun councill, according to the former uniform practice of this burgh so far as known and observed in the like case, and that whoever shall be chosen clerk of this burgh at this present time in room and in place of the said deceast David Nicoll shall be only chosen clerk untill the election of the magistrats and town councill at Michalmass first, and then, and at every subsequent annual election, the clerk to be chosen as aforesaid.

18 *April*, 1743.

Act appointing the toun clerk to be annually chosen.

The magistrats and town councill, resuming the consideration of the matters mentioned in their act the sixteenth current as to the election of the

common or toun clerks of this burgh in time coming, and having received reports from the gildry and seven incorporate trades of this burgh all agreeing to the foresaid resolution of the town council and of their making an act to the effect, ends, and purposes therein mentioned and underwritten, therefore the saids magistrats and town council, after most mature consideration and deliberation, and by advice and approbation of the gildry and seven incorporate trades of this burgh, hereby enact, statute, ordain, and appoint that in no time coming any person or persons shall be elected, chosen, or appointed, jointly or severally, as common or toun clerk or clerks of this burgh during his or their life, nor for any longer time or space than from one year to another, so that the election of the said toun clerk shall be yearly hereafter at Michaelmas alongest with the magistrats and toun councill, according to the antient and uniform practice of this burgh observed in the like cases before that the deceast James and David Nicolls, late toun clerks, obtained commissions for their offices during life.

Act appointing the toun clerk to be annually chosen.

Thereafter the saids magistrats and toun council having proceeded to chuse a clerk for this burgh in room and in place of the said deceast David Nicoll, they did unanimously nominate and elect, and hereby do nominate and elect, Thomas Christie, commissar clerk of Stirling, to be clerk of this burgh and haill bounds and territories thereof, and to the bailliary of the water of Forth, sherriffship, royalty, and other jurisdictions, courts, and priviledges whatsoever, any ways pertaining and belonging thereto, and that till Michaelmas next to come; and the saids magistrats and councill hereby give, grant, and dispone to the said Thomas Christie ay and till the said time the said places and offices, profites, fials, emoluments, and casualities of the samen, to be uplifted, used, and disponed upon by him; with full power to the said Thomas Christie to nominate, authorize, and appoint deputes and substitutes under him for whom he shall be ansuerable, and to exerce all and sundry other things requisite and necessary anent the premisses which any other former clerk, or any such like clerk within the kingdom, did, might have or can do by law, consuetude and practice; and the said Thomas Christie being present accepted of the said office in and upon him and gave his oath *de fideli* as use is in the like cases.

Commission to Thomas Christie as town clerk.

6 *August*, 1743.

The conveener having represented to the members of the council present, that, notwithstanding of a standing act of council injoining that no

Act for locking up the sealls and burges tickets.

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burgess shall be made without consent or concurrance of the magistrats, dean of gild, and conveener, or majority of them advertised to be present thereat, yet that of late burges tickets have been given by the magistrats, or some of them, without his being any way acquainted therewith; and therefore he insisted that for hereafter the sealls and burges tickets should be kept in a box or chest, and of which the dean of gild should keep one key and he, the said conveener, another, so as they might know what burgesses were made or tickets given out, which the members of the councill unanimously agreed to and appointed to be done accordingly, declaring any tickets to be given in contrary hereof to be void and null.

27 *February*, 1744.

Act for making badges for the poor.

The councill authorize and appoint the thesaurer to cause make and provide fourty badges of lead to be given the poor belonging to the town, whereby they may be distinguished from the stranger poor who beg in the place.

14 *April*, 1744.

Act anent addressing his Majestie.

The magistrates and town council of the said burgh being conveened, it was unanimously aggreed that this town should address his Majesty, and the clerk having given in the form of ane address the same was read and approven of, and he appointed to make out a clean copy of the same to be signed by the provost in name of the councill, and which the clerk is to transmitt to Mr. Erskine, member of parliament for the burgh, in order to be presented by him to his Majesty.

Paying for advice from an advocat.

The clerk represented that when lately at Edinburgh he had taken advice of Mr. Hary Hoom, advocat, anent some processes depending before the magistrates, and to form ane address to his Majesty, and had paid Mr. Hoom a consultation of fourty shillings, besides payment to his servants and some incidents extending to thirteen shillings sterling more. The councill, approved of what so done, and appoints their treasurer to refound him what so payed out.

£12 for curing a broken leg.

The councill having considered a petition of William Christie, son of the deceast Hary Christie, chyrugeon, for curing a broken leg of Charles Swords wife, they appoint the treasurer to pay him twelve pound Scots on that account.

Appoints the treasurer to pay to John Livingston, town drummer, three pound Scots for his extraordinary fatigue last winter. £3 to the drummer.

23 *June*, 1744.

The councill taking into their serious consideration the unlawfull and destructive practice of smugling, which for a long time past has been carried on and still continues to prevail in the country, a practice scandalous in itself and highly prejudiciall to the nation in generall and to the fair trader in particular, and which if continued in must tend to the ruin of this part of the kingdom; and likewise considering that by this illegal trade the grain of the country lyes unconsumed and the money that might be laid out in a profitable and useful way is laid out in that scandalous trade, do therefore resolve to the utmost of their power to discourage all maner of smugling whatever, and particularly the using of all foreign goods whatever, which are the produce of these nations with whom we are engadged in war, and that they will look upon all informers against smuglers as friends to their country and give them all due encouragement; and that this their resolution may be known to the whole inhabitants of this burgh, so as to excite them to enter into the like, they do appoint publick intimation to be made hereof through the town by beat of drum, and likewise to be advertised in the newspapers. Act against smuggling.

30 *July*, 1744.

The council judging it proper that the councill room be colloured or painted, and as Robert Ker, painter, is presently in the place and recommended of his being very good of his business, they therefore aggree that he be employed for the foresaid purpose, and that the work be sett about immediately. Painting the council room.

18 *August*, 1744.

The magistrats and town council being conveened, and there being a petition given into them from Robert Bontein of Milndovan, present prisoner in the tolbuith, representing that the jayleor had been guilty of severall uncivilities towards him, and had refused to give admittance, even at propper times, to persons who inclined to visit the prisoner even about business, and of other indiscretions at length sett forth in the petition; therefore, that the jayleor may know the stated times when the council would have him attend the prison in order to persons being admitted into or coming out of the prison Jaylors attendance on the prison.

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when waiting on the prisoners, or the prisoners being supplyed with such necessaries as they want and shall require, the council do appoint that during their pleasure the jayleor do attend the prison to open the doors thereof for the purposes foresaid for half an hour at each of the hours of nine and eleven forenoon, and for the same space at each of the hours of one, three, and five afternoon, and at night when the prison is to be shut in; and appoint this to be intimated and an extract hereof given the jayleor that he pretend no ignorance.

13 *October*, 1744.

Acts relative to third ministers settlement.

The councill appoint the clerk to make out extracts of the severall acts of councill and others which past previous to, and relative to, the settling of Mr. Ebenezer Erskine, third minister in this place, in order to their takeing advice concerning any demand that may be made upon the town in relation to any vaccancie that may be alleadged to be of the said third minister his charge.

6 *November*, 1744.

Allowing £5 Stg. to the customer at the bridge.

The magistrates and town councill having considered a petition given in by Thomas Turnbull, customer at the bridge, and John Turnbull, his cautioner, craving allowance on account of the interruption that was made to goods passing the bridge, in the moneths of March and Aprile last, by the bridge gates being shut and guard keeped by the military when ane invasion was threatned, the councill in consideration thereof allow the petitioners five pounds starling on said account.

15 *December*, 1744.

Reducing feu duty for site of linnen manufactory.

There was a petition given in to the councill from John Galloway, merchant, setting furth the benefite arising to the town from the linnen manufactory lately erected by him near the bridge, and craving, that for this and other reasons at length set furth in the petition, that the councill might either discharge the petitioner of the five merks as the few duty payable by him for the ground whereon the manufactory is built, or modify the same as they should see cause; which petition being duly considered the councill do unanimously aggree that instead of five merks the few duty payable by the petitioner shall be only half ane merk yearly, and that as well for the years past since commencement of the petitioners right as in time coming while the

petitioners manufactory mentioned in the petition subsists and is carried on, but no longer.

Reducing feu duty for site of linnen manufactory.

There was laid before the councill a letter from the provost of Edinburgh to the magistrates concerning the linnen manufactorys, and desireing that the member of parliament for this district of burrows might be wrote to to concurr in every thing that might tend to promote and encourrage it, which the councill heartily aggreed to, and do recommend to their provost in their name to write to Mr. Erskine, their representative, anent the matter in the most earnest manner.

Act recommending linnen manufactorys.

2 *February*, 1745.

The councill having considered a petition of Thomas Wilson, town carrier, craving they might furnish him with a sett of bells for his carriage horse, as the carriers of severall other burghs were, they grant the desire of the petition, and authorize the said Thomas to get the sett of bells from the proper hand and the treasurer to pay the samen upon getting the accompt of the price and a proper receipt, and for which bells the said Thomas Wilson is to be accountable and lyable to deliver up to the councill or any succeeding carrier when appointed.

Bells to the town carrier.

23 *February*, 1745.

The council appoint the thesaurer to give a pair of shoes to John Livingston who carries the newspapers.

Pair of shoes to carrier of newspapers.

3 *August*, 1745.

The councill considering that there will be two miln stones needed for the burrow milns, they appoint James Reid, milner at the Bridgemiln, to repair to the parish of Shots, where they understand proper milnstones are to be got, and there to try to be provided with two milnstones proper for the purpose.

Miln stones.

9 *November*, 1745.

The magistrates and toun councill being conveened for setting the annual customs, they do declare that the same are to be sett under the same conditions, limitations, and restrictions as at the last sett, and that any persons who shall take any of these customs are to expect no abatement of their tack dutys upon any pretence whatsoever except the councill shall find sufficient

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cause; and none of the present tacksmen to be preferred without new caution to the councills satisfaction, in regaird severall of them have not fully cleared the last tack duty for reasons sett furth in their petitions to the council this day, though nevertheless none of the former tacksmen are precluded offering though they have not cleared the treasurer, which the councill tollerate because of the present troubles and their knowledge of the facts set furth in the severall petitions.

14 *November*, 1745.

Act anent addressing the King.

The magistrates and town council judge it expedient at this time to address his Majesty, for which purpose they recommend to the office bearers, with provost Christie and the clerk, and such others as the magistrates shall think fitt to call, to meet and draw up the form of ane address to be laid before the councill next councill day.

15 *November*, 1745.

Act approving an address to his Majestie.

The magistrates and town council being conveened, in obedience to the last appointment of councill there was presented before them ane form of ane address by the councill to his Majesty, which being read over the council unanimously approve of the form and appoint the clerk to write out the same in a fair hand, and the dean of gild in name of the council to subscribe it, and which address they think proper to be transmitted to his grace the duke of Argyle, with a letter from the dean of gild in their name desireing his grace to do the town the honour to present the address to his Majesty, which the dean of gild declared he would comply with.

2 *December*, 1745.

Discompt to a tacksman.

The council having considered a petition of Alexander Bryce, late tacksman of the meal mercate, craving a discompt from last years tack duty thereof on account of the loss he sustained by dragoon horses being put into the meal mercate in August last, they allow him six pound Scots on that account.

28 *December*, 1745.

Act concerning passing at the bridge.

The magistrates and town councill takeing to their consideration that one of the arches of the bridge being now cutt by order of major general Blackney, and thereby access to and from the toun by said bridge intirely stoped, for which reason it will be absolutely necessary that boats be employed

for ferrying over people, horses, and goods; and as the passage must be paid for, therefore the councill do fix and ascertain the rates for such passage to be as follows, viz., each person passing or repassing single to pay six pennies Scots for the passage; each person with a horse, one shilling six pennies; and each person with a horse carrying goods, victuall, or others, is to pay one shilling Scots and the custom in use to be paid at said bridge for such like goods and victuall; which rates the councill appoint to continue till they think proper to alter the same; and they appoint Robert Shearer, customer at the bridge, to officiate as boatman at said ferry, to whom the passage money is to be paid, he employing proper persons to assist him.

Act concerning passing at the bridge.

The councill being informed that there are severalls of the burgesses and inhabitants of the toun now in arms for defence of the place who are indigent and stand in need of subsistance, they therefore appoint the treasurer to pay to such indigent persons, according to lists to be given in by their respective commanders, the sum of eight shilling Scots each day such persons as shall do duty, and this to take place from the twenty fifth instant and to continue till the councill think fitt to provide for their subsistance otherwayes.

Subsistance to these in arms who are indigent.

8 *February*, 1746.

The council recommend to the magistrates, with the dean of gild and treasurer, to inspect the condition of the manse and grammar schoolhouse this day, it being reported that they were greatly damneaged by the rebells, and to make report next dyat of councill.

Anent the manse and school house.

The councill having considered a petition of Donald M'Laren, tacksman of the fish shambles, representing that the deals and traces belonging thereto had been burnt and destroyed by the rebells, they therefore authorize the treasurer to furnish what deals and traces are proper and necessary for the shambles.

Concerning fish shambles.

There was produced in council a letter of the date the sixth instant addressed to the magistrates and town council of this burgh and signed by Thomas Allan, representing that a quorum of the annual committee having then mett they thought it necessary that such of the members of that committee who were not at a great distance from Edinburgh should meet there on the thirteenth current to concert what measures were necessary to be taken for the wellfare of the burrows at this juncture, and particularly to

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name a deputation of their number to wait upon his royal highness the duke of Cumberland, and in the name of the royall burrows to congratulate his highness upon his arrival to the country and his success against the rebells, therefore expecting the council would send a member duely instructed to meet that day for these purposes; which being considered by the council they nominate and appoint William Christie, merchant councellor, late provost of this burgh, and who was their commissioner to the last convention of burrows, as their commissioner to meet and conveen with the other deputies from the burrows, who shall meet at Edinburgh the foresaid thirteenth instant, for the purposes mentioned in the foregoing letter.

10 *February*, 1746.

Concerning the conduct of the council in surrendering the toun.

There was produced in council the *St. James's Evening Post*, of date the 30th January, wherein there is ane account insert and which was read, highly reflecting on the magistrates and town council, and stuft with gross falsehoods and lyes concerning the surrender of this toun, at which the council were much offended, and therefore doe aggree and appoint a true and genuine account of the reasons and manner of the surrendry to be drawn up, and not only to be put into the newspapers but also to be at length ingrost in the councils books, that the behaviour and conduct of the toun may the better appear, and as nothing hitherto relative to that affair has been put in the council books, but only on papers apart;[1] and the clerk having acquanted the

[1] To supply so far the omission in the council book the following contemporary notices in the *Scots Magazine* may be quoted:—

"By the last accounts we gave of the highland army in our August *Magazine*, they were at Perth on the 9th of September. Thence they marched on the 11th, and on the 13th crossed the Forth a few miles above Stirling. On their approach Gardiner's dragoons retired to Falkirk. . . . Certain notice was received on the 15th in the morning that the van of the highland army was arrived at Linlithgow. . . . [Battle of Prestonpans, 21 September.] . . . General Blakeney having got notice that the rear of the men who conducted the arms, &c., from Montrose, were to pass the Forth at Alloa on the 30th of October, dispatched captain Abercromby from Stirling, with some soldiers and countrymen, to attack them; which they accordingly did, wounded some, took several prisoners, some cows, horses, baggage, arms, money, and letters; all which they carried into Stirling castle that night. . . . The town of Stirling has raised 400 men and put them under the command of Gen. Blakeney.

"About the beginning of December they [the rebel army in the north] gave out that they would cross the Forth, and talked of beseiging both Edinburgh and Stirling castles. On notice of this, Price's foot marched from Edinburgh on the 6th, and Ligonier's on the

council that he had already, with the assistance of some others, drawn up a paper relative to the above, and the same being read over by him in councill, the members unanimously approve thereof and appoint it to be put in the newspapers and ingrost in the council books as aforesaid; and they likewise appoint the summonds sent to surrender the toun, with ane abstract of the paragraph foresaid from the *St. James's Evening Post*, to be also ingrost; and appoint the dean of gild, in name of the councill, to subscribe the paper to be sent into Edinburgh to put in the news, and desire the two ministers of the place also to sign the same.

Concerning the conduct of the council in surrendering the toun.

The summonds to surrender the toun being first in order, the tenor thereof follows:—

Summons to surrender.

CHARLES, Prince of Wales, &c., Regent of Scotland, England, France, and Ireland, and the Dominions thereto belonging: To the Provost, Magistrats, and Council of the Toun of Stirling.

9th, for Stirling. A body of the Glasgow and Paisley militia marched thither about the same time. The earl of Home commands the former, and the earl of Glencairn the latter. They were joined by the Stirling militia. The whole were posted so as best to secure the bridge of Stirling and the fords at the head of the Forth. . . . By a medium of several computations, the number of the rebels when they arrived at Glasgow (26th December, after returning from England) was about 3,600 foot and near 500 horse. . . . Their horses were poor and jaded; and six or seven hundred of their foot had no arms nor ability to use them. . . . Accounts from Stirling, dated December 23, say that there were then in that neighbourhood 800 highlanders from Perth, quartered at Down, Dumblain, and bridge of Allan. . . . Price's and Ligonier's regiments of foot, some of Hamilton's and Ligonier's [formerly Gardiner's] regiments of dragoons, upwards of 500 Glasgow militia, and 160 of those of Paisley, were at and about Stirling, guarding the passages of the Forth; but, on the approach of the highland army from England, moved thence to Edinburgh on the 23rd of December, leaving Gen. Blakeney with the garrison in the castle and 400 Stirling militia in the town. . . . Meantime Gen. Blakeney, having the rebels so near him on both hands, used the precaution to cut one of the arches of Stirling bridge. . . . After the troops that guarded the fords of the Forth moved to Edinburgh, Glengyle, with the help of floats (the boats having been all destroyed), passed that river at the Frew, and placed a guard on the south side. . . . The rebels now gave out they were to attack Stirling; and on the 30th, the cannon from Perth were moved towards that place. . . . On the 3rd of January the rebels marched [from Glasgow] for Stirling, one column by Kilsyth, and another by Cumbernauld. . . . Next day the army advanced towards Stirling, and were cantoned at Denny, Bannockburn, and St. Ninian's. The Pretender's son took up his quarters at Bannockburn, the house of Sir Hugh Paterson. . . . On the 8th the rebels got into Stirling, the inhabitants opening the gates as the town was not defensible. The militia made their escape by small parcels. Their officers, with all their arms, went into

Summons to surrender.

Intending to take possession of our town of Stirling, we hereby require and command you to give our forces peaceable entry into and possession of the said town, and to receive us as the representative of our Royal Father, James the Eighth, by the grace of God, King of Scotland, England, France, and Ireland, and the Dominions thereunto belonging; and as we have a list of all the persons now in arms in the said town, you are expressly required to deliver up to us all their arms, and likeways all cannon, arms, and military stores presently in the said town; assuring you hereby that if you refuse or delay to receive us, or to deliver up the arms and military stores aforesaid, and thereby oblige us to use that force which Providence has put in our hands, after our discharging one cannon against the said town no articles of capitulation or protection shall be given to any of the inhabitants for their persons, goods, and effects; and as the town is now blockaded on all sides, if any person therein now in arms shall be apprehended without the walls of the town they shall be carried to immediate execution. An answer to this is to be returned

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the castle, where, as was assured, Gen. Blakeney was well provided with men and provisions. At this time the rebels had no heavy cannon but two twelve-pounders, which, with great labour, they had brought round by the Frew. . . . By the 12th the rebels, having got all their cannon over the Forth, had broken ground between the church at Stirling and a large house called Mar's work, for erecting a battery there against the castle. The ports of the town were shut up, and guards placed at all the outlets to prevent people from coming in for, or going out with, intelligence to the king's troops. By the 14th they had got together two pieces of cannon of sixteen pounders, two of eight, and three of three, and were expecting four pieces more by water for their battery. They had also a great number of fascines, but had not been able to plant their cannon, Gen. Blakeney having fired upon them several times from the castle, and demolished their works. . . . [17th, Battle of Falkirk.] . . . Hitherto the rebels, not having got their cannon mounted, fired on the castle only with small arms from the houses, of which they discharged severall platoons on the 26th, but without doing any harm. But on the 27th they had two batteries erected; one at Gowan-hill, within forty yards of the castle, and one at Lady's hill. A drum had been sent round the town, with notice that every person that was taken near the castle should be shot; and that if any of the towns-people entertained any of the wives or children of the soldiers who were in the castle, they should be punished with military execution. Accordingly on the 28th they had three pieces of cannon mounted, which began to fire next morning. The battery at the Gowan-hill was erected under cover of wool-packs. By the fire from it the upper part of the walls of the castle was a little damaged. . . . Upon the 1st of February the rebels [after blowing up their powder magazine in St. Ninian's church] retreated precipitately from Stirling on the approach of the king's army. . . . They forded the Forth at Frew, and proceeded to Crief. . . The van of the king's army entered Stirling on the 1st of February, as did the duke next day. His royal highness was saluted by a triple discharge of the great guns of the castle, which he had so seasonably relieved. As an arch of Stirling bridge had been broke down by Gen. Blakeney's order, the army was obliged to stop till it was mended. By six o'clock in the morning of the 4th the arch was repaired, with timber mostly provided by the rebels for the same purpose, and that day the army passed over."

to our quarters here by two aclock afternoon this day. Given at Bannockburn, this sixth day of January 1746. (Signed) CHARLES, P.R.

Summons to surrender.

Follows the paragraph in the *St. James's Evening Post*:—

Paragraph in *St. James's Evening Post.*

Thursday, 30th January, 1745-6.

Having received more distinct intelligence of the surrender of the toun of Stirling, wee now inform our readers that tho' Sterling was sometime agoe ane open defenceless place, yet by the care of the brave generall Blackney the town walls were all repaired, additions made where necessary, all the avenues leading to it built up, severall deep trenches made, and every thing else so well provided for a siege that with so great a number of county militia, tounsmen, &c., under arms as were in it, firmly resolved to defend it at all hazards, the toun could have held out some moneths against the rebells had it not been for the treachery of the P——st, and the pussillanimity, dissafection, and cowardice of a few of the inhabitants, as appears by the following letter from a gentleman in Sterling writ the day the rebells entered the town :—

Letter to the *Evening Post.*

Sterling, dated January 9th.—On Thursday, January 2d, there bells approached this town, on which the gates were ordered to be shut and the militia, volunteers, and towns men put under arms for its defence. On Sunday, the 5th instant, at nine at night, the rebells sent a drummer to the east gate of the town with a message demanding the town to surrender to them on terms of capitulation, but the centinells, ignorant of the forms of war, fired severall times at the drummer, upon which he bauled aloud : I'm but a messenger ; and then ran off with all speed, leaving his drum at the gate, which the towns people towed up the walls and brought into the town. On Monday morning, the 6th instant, the rebells sent another person with the same message, upon which the P——st called a councill to see what was fit to be done, when he with a few of his council were for capitulating but the majority were for defending the town. Notwithstanding which the Provost and one of the counsellors went out in the afternoon to Sir Hugh Paterson's of Bannockburn, where the young Pretender lay, and stayed there till night.

Next morning they called a councill and shewed them the terms of capitulation they had made, which were that the rebells were, on getting possession of the town, to harm no man's person or effects, not even those that bore arms against them, and to pay for everything they called for. On hearing which some more of the towns people were for agreeing to these terms, but the greatest part were for defending the town till generall Hawley's army came up to its relief, and the contest at last grew so high that Mr. Stevenson, the conveener of the trades, and the reverend Mr. Erskine, the seceding minister, took a protest against the capitulation, to which protest the greatest part of the town adhered.

General Blackney on hearing of this came down to the town and went round all the guards exhorting them to this effect :—" Gentlemen, be true to your religion, King, and " country, and defend your posts to the last extremity; and if you are overpowered by the " rebells, make a handsome retreat, and I'll keep ane open door for you."

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On this the conveener caused the drum to beat to arms, upon which above 900 men, well armed, drew up in the mercate place before the general, who desired all those who were for defending the town to give three huzzas which was immediately done. Notwithstanding which, the P—st with two of the B—l—s went out again in the afternoon to the young Pretender to make some other agreement with them, but the general being informed of their design called all the militia up to the castle. Most of the volunteers on seeing this fled also up towards the castle, except part of captain Mains and captain Erskines companys, seceders, who placed centinels at the posts the militia left, and the conveener and severall others perswaded the volunteers to return to their posts, where they met with no disturbance except by 27 cannon shot which the rebells fired against the town, that did no other damneage but breaking a few chimney tops; the conveener and severall others going throw the guards all night, sword in hand, encouraging the men to stand out.

About twelve at night the provost and two baillies came to one of the gates, where they were challenged very hard, and carryed prisoners to the main guard, but keept no time there. Immediately a councill was called and a letter sent to the general shewing him the terms of the second agreement, to which he returned this answer.— "January 8th 1746. Gentlemen, I received yours. Deliver me up my arms and ammunition. Your humble servant." On this the conveener, with the captains of the volunteers, sent a letter to the generall telling him that if he would aid them with the militia as formerly, and head them, they would stand out the siege till our army came up, and that if he would give them orders they would send all these disaffected gentlemen to him. To which he returned this answer. " Gentlemen, as your P—st and B—l—s think the town not worth their notice to take care of it, neither can I. I will take care of the castle."

On receiving this answer nothing but distraction and confusion was to be seen among the militia, and which was heightened by the loud cries of the women and children on seeing the place so easily given up to a band of merciless villians. The militia seeing they could do no more towards the defence of the town went up to the castle about nine in the morning with their arms, lest the rebells should get them.

About eleven the gates were thrown open and the rebells entered at 4 in the afternoon, where they were not two hours before they broke the capitulation by breaking up and pillaging the shops of those persons that were most noted for their opposition to the Pretender.

Account by the magistrates and council of their conduct.

Follows the account of the conduct of the magistrates and town council relative to the surrendry of the town:—

Whereas a representation full of falsehoods, of the behaviour and conduct of the magistrates and town council of Sterling in giving the rebells entrance into their town, has been published in the *St. James's Evening Post* of date January 30th, the magistrates and toun council of the said burgh, and others concerned, think themselves bound in duty and many other wayes, to give a

fair and open account of the matter, to prevent the bad effects of these impressions which ane account so stuft with falsehood tends to produce.

Account by the magistrates and council of their conduct.

Every one knows that the north part of the town of Sterling is open and without walls, having only some low fences encompassing gardens and parks. In the two large entries on that side a slight dry stone wall and gate had been built, and some of the entries to the gardens stopt up, and in this situation the Highland army came on towards the town on Friday the 3rd of January, and approach'd nearer on Saturday forenoon, and on that day quite surrounded it; and on the same day and some following they were joined by lord John Drummond, lord Lewis Gordon, the master of Lovat, &c., with their levies from the north.

Next day they were observed to cut down trees, fell to making fascines, &c., in order to raise a battery against the town, and that night about eight a drummer from the rebells came to the East Port beating his drum, whom the sentinels of the militia fired at and obliged to retire, leaving his drum behind which was towed in over the walls.

On Monday the rebells opened a trench and raised a battery within musket shot of the town, and at one o'clock the magistrates and town council received a summonds to surrender the town and give up all arms and amunition in it, with high threatnings in case of refuseall or delay, and ane answer was peremptorly required against two o'clock.

On this the town council and many of the inhabitants mett, when it was unanimously aggreed to send two commissioners with this verbal return to Mr. Murray, that as it was a matter of the outmost consequence they would chuse to deliberate on it till next day at ten o'clock. The commissioners were William Christie, one of the councellors, and James Jaffray, merchant, who returned with ane answer that the delay was allowed. In consequence of this the town councill, ministers, and many of the principall inhabitants and others conveened. The subject of their deliberation was whether it would be the wisest and justest conduct to continue the defence of the town against the rebells, or to give them entrance on terms, and here by far the greatest part of those present, and who are known to be as zealously affected to his Majesty King George as any in Brittain, gave it as their judgment that to continue the defence of the place would be a dangerous and fruitless attempt. Their reasons were,—the numbers of the rebells, now

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reinforced with some thousands from the north, and who had completed their battery of smaller cannon against the town, and had got two larger cannon cross the Forth that day, whilst the town had not a single piece of cannon of any size to help their defence; the small importance of the slight dykes and hedges on the north side of the town; the militia and townsmen their want of experience in military affairs, and whose numbers did not exceed 500, which, with the addition of 100 and a few more military, was the whole strength of men in arms within the town; the impossibility of their enduring continued fatigue much longer, since for three days and nights past they had been almost constantly under arms; the uncertainty of rendering effectual the retreat of those in arms to the castle when overpowered, notwithstanding all the provision that it was possible to make for them, since it appeared to them that such retreat might be cut off by ane assault in different places and in the higher parts of the town, and even in the event of their retreat the whole families in the town must be left to the fury of the rebells; the vast disparity between the rebells their entering on terms and their entering by assault, the consequence of which last must have been that our streets would be strowed with the corpses of the inhabitants and others, and the whole effects in the town become their plunder; and it was judged that to run such a risque when in a state of uncertainty as to our relief from the army, which in fact only came to Falkirk in ten dayes thereafter, and when neither the publick cause nor any material branch of it depended on our defence of the town for a little time longer, would be highly imprudent, and that it would be great misconduct in the council not to make offer of terms of surrendry; (and the event of the armys not coming up to Sterling till conducted by the illustrious Prince the duke of Cumberland plainly shows that we must have been quite undone had we stood to the defence). After long reasoning from the above topicks the councill inclosed and aggreed to return the following answer,—that as the message received was a summonds of surrendry at discretion, the toun council could not aggree to any such surrendry, but that they would offer the following terms: that there should be no demand made on the revenue of the town, absolute safety to the inhabitants in their persons and effects, particularly to those of them who had been in arms, and that all arms, &c., in the town should be delivered into the castle. However it was after this found expedient that the deputies should

carry out the first part of this answer without any mention of the above terms. This they did accordingly and the answer gave great displeasure, as the deputies reported to the councill on their return. Afterwards the councill, together with the ministers and others present, resumed the consideration of the above terms, and our present situation being again seriously considered, and for the reasons fully narrated above, the councill aggreed to nominate other two deputies, to witt Peter Stevenson, one of the present baillies, and John Jaffray, merchant, to go out with the former two, with the above terms to be proposed, which they did, and on their return reported that they were accepted of tho' with great difficulty as to the article of delivering up the arms to the castle. Before their return, and at eight that night, the rebells made 27 discharges of cannon from their battery on the town.

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Next day the arms were conveyed into the castle by nine in the morning, and the rebells entered the town about three in the afternoon.

REMARKS on the account published in the above mentioned *Evening Post*:—

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It is nottour that the toun was neither provided in meal nor fewel so as to stand a siege for eight days, far less some months, no manner of stores having been laid in nor even the inhabitants provided as usual by reason of the disturbance in the country. Every one who has seen them may know how slight the defenses were on the north side of the town.

On the letter:—There has been no provost acting in town since Michaelmass last, the gentleman then elected to that office not having hitherto accepted of it, and as to the gentleman pointed at in that scurilous paper and said to be in that station, and there charged with treachery, wee and all others of his particular acquaintance doe well know how malicious and unjust such a charge is, being fully sensible of his firm attachment to the present government, and satisfied with his whole conduct in this affair. At the first meeting after receiving the summonds nothing was spoke concerning a capitulation by any one person whatever. The deputies in carrying their messages never once spoke with the Pretender's son, or were so much as in a room with him, nor transacted anything separately but alwise together and in exact complyance with their instructions from the council, which they strictly keept to, so that the reflections pointed against them in the paper are to the last degree unjust and malicious. Mr. Erskine, the seceding minister, was not

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with the council after Munday night when he at first aggreed to sending out the above terms, but afterwards at his leaving the company receded from that measure tho' not in the way of a formal protest, nor did any one man in the company enter a protest, so that the tale "of his protesting and the greatest part of the town adhering to it" is absolutely false. The number of men in arms in the town is marked in the above narrative, and on the Tuesday morning (referred to in the paper) not one third of them were on the streets.

It is not worth while to make a remark on the insinuations of pusillanimity and dissaffection thrown out against some persons in that scurilous paper, who most heartily despyse them and their unknown author.

Upon the whole, from the above account the impartial world will easily judge whether the conduct of the town of Sterling is not to be approven off, and will clearly see how injuriously the magistrates and town council have been represented in the scandalous account of that matter published in the above paper, the author whereof has keept himself behind the curtain, as is the manner of gross slanderers, whereas we subscribe our names to this paper and are ready to vouch the particulars of it.

Declaration by deacon convener and a councillor.

Wee, Walter Stevenson, present deacon conveener of the trades of Stirling, and William Wright, councellor, doe hereby declare that after we had seen the numbers and strength of the rebells who were to have attacked our town, and for other reasons, we were soon sensible of our mistake in opposing the measures of the town council, and that in place of holding out against them for some moneths, we could not with all our force have done so for many hours; and we do now heartily thank the town council for the measures they took for our preservation and safety, and we know that those who were in the same mistake with us are now of our sentiments on this head. (Signed) Walter Stevenson, Wm. Wright.

12 *April*, 1746.

Burgestickets for duke of Cumberland and Prince Hesse.

The council considering that it was some time agoe resolved upon to offer his royal highness the Duke of Cumberland and his highness the Prince of Hesse the complement of the town, and that in order thereto two burgess tickets have been made out properly embelished and gilded; but it being judged proper that these tickets should be put and delivered in boxes made for the purpose, the council therefore aggreed that a silver box, richly made and

gilded, be prepared for each of these tickets and capable to contain them and the seal, and that the town's arms, to witt the wolf on the craig, be engraved on each of these boxes, and all done and execute in the handsomest manner and with all dispatch. **Burgestickets for duke of Cumberland and Prince Hesse.**

The council finding that Robert Dickie, one of their town officers, has not given attendance as ane officer for some time past, and besides is suspected as keeper of a house for entertaining of thieves and vagabonds, they therefore do dismiss him his office as town officer, and nominate and appoint in his room and place Duncan Drummond, indweller in this burgh, to be one of the town officers thereof. **Town officer.**

3 *May*, 1746.

The council having heard a petition of Thomas Campbell craving reparation for some losses sustained by him occasioned by the rebells being here, they allow him thirty pound Scots on that account. **£30 for loss through rebels.**

Appoint their treasurer to pay to John Hall, coalman, nine pound Scots for his trouble and losses while the rebells were here. **£9 to John Hall.**

2 *June*, 1746.

Appoint their treasurer to give to James Weir, merchant, six pound Scots to help to defray the expence of sending his son to Moffat wells. **Moffat wells.**

Appoint the treasurer to pay to Mr. Ker, jeweler, ten guineas for the two boxes for the Duke of Cumberland and the Prince of Hesse their tickets, and half a guinea for making out the new ticket to the duke. **Duke of Cumberland and Prince Hesse's tickets.**

The council having heard a petition from Andrew Wood, burges, craving the liberty of taking clay out of the clayholes belonging to the burgh for making of brick, they grant him that liberty during their pleasure only, but discharge him to incroach upon the ground on either side. **Clayholes.**

7 *July*, 1746.

The council judging it expedient that they should adress the King upon the victory obtained over the rebels at Culloden, and the form of an adress having been presented and read in council they approve thereof, and appoint the clerk to extend and the dean of gild in name of the council to sign the same and to transmit the adress to Mr. Erskine of Grange, member of parliament for this town, with a letter in name of the council desiring him to **Act for addressing the King.**

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present the adress to his Majesty, and therein to offer Mr. Erskine their service.

12 *July*, 1746.

Coal and candle to the Hessians quartered at St. Ninians, &c.

The council considering that when in March last there was such a number of Hessian troops quartered in this place as that the town was not able to accommodate them, and that Mr. Napier, sheriff, being applyed to to ease the town and quarter some of said troops in St. Ninians and Torbrex which was accordingly done, and that Mr. Napier had represented that coal and candle had been furnished to these troops by James Watson in St. Ninians and James Wands in Torbrex, of which he had engaged to see them payed, the council therfore appoint the treasurer to pay the saids persons what so payed out by them.

2 *September*, 1746.

Guard roume at the bridge.

It being represented that the place where the bridge guard is kept was in great disrepair and uninhabitable, and that the general had complained thereof and desired that another guard room should be provided, and the magistrates having yesterday gone to the bridge and found the necessity of having another guard house, the council therefore appoint the treasurer to cause build a house for that purpose at the west end of the bridge kiln of sixteen foot length within the walls, and to cause cover the same with slate, and to provide what materials are necessary thereto, and to cause this be done without delay.

6 *September*, 1746.

Act approving accompts.

Approve of an account of £124 4s. 6d. of expences of solemnizing the King's birthday in October last; and one of £74 16s. of charges debursed at solemnizing the Duke of Cumberland's birthday.

13 *September*, 1746.

£30 for carts taken by the rebels.

The council having considered a petition of William Main, tenant in Arns of Clackmannan, and of Malcolm M'Allom, John Dason, Andrew Morris, and Thomas Younger, tenants to Lord Erskine, anent the loss they sustained by having their carts taken away by the rebels when they came into Stirling with coals, the council agree that the forenamed persons have thirty pound Scots towards satisfying their losses.

10 *November*, 1746.

The magistrats and toun council being conveened for setting the annual customs, they do enact that all the inhabitants in the toun who are burgesses are to be frie of any dues for any roots, cabbages, and greens, growing in their yeards and sold by them in the mercate; that each merchant retailing barly in his shop is only to be lyable in payment of twelve pennies Scots for each boll thereof of meall mercate dues, in place of four shilling formerly paid; that each boll of bear brought in to the town by unfreemen to be sold is to pay twelve pennies Scots of meall mercate dues, except for what sold to merchants or maltmen in the town; and that each boll bear brought into the town to be sold by any burges who is neither merchant nor maltman is to pay six pennies Scots per boll, except for what sold to merchant or maltman as aforesaid. Town customs.

It being represented that the iron gate at the bridge stands in need of repairing, and that the supporters of the iron gate at the Burrowsgate are so ill fixed that unless care be taken thereof the iron gate would fall; the councill therefore appoint the treasurer to cause the necessary repairs be made. Mending bridge and port gates.

2 *May*, 1747.

The council recommend to the treasurer to meet with the tacksman of the butts and settle with him as to the grazing of the first ministers cows, and they appoint him to allow Mr. M'Queen, the second minister, the benefite of grazing a cow gratis in the Nether Hospital park taken by the town. Anent grazing the minister's cows.

The council having considered a petition of Andrew Johnstone, merchant and innkeeper in Stirling, craving allowance for the losses he sustained and inconveniences he was put to by the officers of the military mounting guard, their having a room in his house as their guard house since June last, the council therefore allow him thirty six pound Scots on that account. £36 to Andrew Johnston; guard house.

20 *June*, 1747.

The council appoint the treasurer to pay to the woman who keeps the two children belonging to the military left in this place, twelve pound Scots per quarter, commencing from the time she got them, discompting alwayes [what] she has already received, and the treasurer is authorized to provide the children in cloaths as easy as possible. Supply to some poor children.

Precentor's and kirk officer's dues of baptisms by Ebenezer Erskine.

The council having considered a petition of Adam Steuart, their now precentor, and John Bowie, session officer, anent their being intituled to the dues of baptisms of the children of the inhabitants within the burgh performed by Mr. Ebenezer Erskine, they find the saids persons intituled to the dues of these baptisms in the like manner as of those children baptized by the ministers of the place, and warrand them to call for and uplift the same accordingly, and to use all legal methods for inbringing thereof.

1 *August*, 1747.

Act approving accounts.

The magistrates and town council approve of the following accompts, viz. of one to Patrick Keir, wright, for £29 3 s. 8 d.; one to William and John Simpsons for £32 8 s., for quarrying stones; one of £53 18 s. spent at solemnizing the Prince of Wales's birthday; one of £101 4 s. spent at the solemnity of the Prince of Orange being chosen Stadtholder; one of £58 10 s. spent at celebrating the battle of Culloden; one of £67 8 s. spent at solemnizing the Duke of Cumberlands birthday; one of £36 18 s. spent at entertaining the lords of justiciary in May last; one of £188 4 s. spent at solemnizing the King's birthday; one of £134 17 s. paid out by the treasurer for oyle; and ordains and allows the treasurer to pay and discharge himself therewith.

17 *October*, 1747.

Act anent the hand bell.

The council having considered a representation of William Stevenson, beddall, anent the insufficiency of the hand dead bell, they appoint the treasurer to provide a new one and to give the old one in exchange and pay in the difference of the price.

23 *February*, 1748.

Act concerning rebuilding arch of the bridge.

The provost produced in council a letter he had received yesterday from lieutenant general Bland advising that he, the general, had received his Majesty's commands for repairing the bridge of Sterling, according to the proposals made by the magistrates, on their entering into a contract with the general for it; therefore desiring the council might send a proper person to the general duly authorized to sign the said contract, on which payment would be ordered, as the letter sets forth. The council therefore do appoint, authorize, and empower John Jaffray, provost, and Patrick Stevenson, dean of gild, forthwith to repair to his excellency the general at Edinburgh, and in

the first place, in their name and that of the whole community of this burgh, to give the general their most hearty and sincere thanks for the many favours and repeated friendships he has been pleased on all occasions to show and testifie towards this town and its particular concerns, and particularly in the matter of repairing the bridge, a piece of friendship which ought never to be forgotten; and next, in name of the council and community foresaid, to enter into and subscribe with the general such contract as he shall please require concerning repairing of the bridge of Sterling, and on such terms and conditions as the general shall prescribe and think most necessary towards forwarding and compleating this undertaking.

Act concerning rebuilding arch of the bridge.

26 *March*, 1748.

The provost and dean of gild reported that, conform to appointment and direction of the council, they had signed a contract with lieutenant general Bland concerning rebuilding the arch of the bridge, which contract they produced and the samen was read in council; and the council do not only unanimously approve of what done and transacted by them in the matter, but furder do authorize and impower the said provost and dean of gild to transact and aggree with proper persons and workmen to rebuild the said arch and to furnish all necessary materials for that purpose in the easiest and best manner, and finally to transact, aggree, and doe every thing necessary and requisite towards forwarding and compleating the work as the council themselves could do, and as they, the said provost and dean of gild, shall think and find expedient and for the advantage of the burgh.

Act concerning the bridge.

The councill appoint the treasurer to give each of the four town officers and four sherreif officers and constables twelve shilling Scots for their trouble in warning and pressing horses and carts to carry away the military baggage.

Carrying away baggage.

7 *January*, 1749.

Appoints the treasurer to give John Steuart and George Chalmers, souldiers, who suffered lately at blowing up of a rock at the foot of the Fayer Wind, three pound Scots, provided they leave this town.

Act for £3 to two souldiers.

Appoints the treasurer to pay to John Blair and Thomas Henderson, brewers, five shillings sterling for ale furnished by them to the persons who assisted at extinguishing the fire lately at the foot of the town, by the provosts order

Act for paying some ale.

4 *March*, 1749.

Act concerning the bridge gate.

The council considering that the arch of the bridge is now quite finished, and judging that it would be very convenient that the gate at the north end of the bridge were widened and enlarged, the samen being too low and strait, they therefore nominate and appoint the provost, [and five others], as a committee to consider of the most proper way for doing of this, and to agree thereanent as they shall see cause; they alwise reporting to the council what they do in the matter.

Renewing roof of the tolbuith.

The council taking to consideration the insufficiency and bad condition of the roof of the tolbooth, and that the town is put to great charges yearly in mending and repairing the same, they therefore agree that the said roof be new sarked and covered with skailzie, and authorise the treasurer to provide for the doing thereof accordingly.

22 *April*, 1749.

Landlords giving up lists of their tennants.

The council considering that their act and appointment, the 11th December 1742, discharging the heretors, proprietars, or liferenters of houses within this burgh, to sett the same to strangers, has not been observed, whereby a number of bawdy houses are set up in the place, and thieves and resetters of stoln goods harboured therein; therefore the council do ratifie and renewe the said act, and appoints the clerk to make out extracts thereof to be read in the church and meeting house by the precentors the morrow before dismissing the congregation in the forenoon, and by beat of drum thro' the town Munday next; and furder the council statute the same of new, and appoint the several landlords, proprietars, or liferenters, betwixt and the fifteenth of May next, to give in to the town's quarter master signed lists of their tenants, their names and imployments, under the pain of being prosecute for contempt of authority.

Anent the first minister's cows.

The council considering that the first minister of this place has been refused liberty of putting his cows to grass in the Kings Park or butts for some years past, as he and his predecessors immemorialy have been in use to do, they therefore appoint the thesaurer in their name, with the clerk, to require access to the park for the ministers cows, under form of instrument, from the keeper or taxman thereof, and to protest against him in case he refuse.

10 *June*, 1749.

Act concerning a corn market.

The council taking to consideration the usefulness of a corn market in

this place, which has been often spoke to, do therefore recomend to the provost and magistrats as a committee, and such others as they shall think fitt to advise with, to meet and consider of the matter, and bring in an overture concerning the same to the council against the first Saturnday of August next. **Act concerning a corn market.**

It being represented that the steel miln, which has been this long time past used at the burow milns in grinding of malt, is now useless and unfitt for the purpose, the council therefore appoint the thesaurer to dispose of the said mill to the best advantage, and procure and buy a new one fitt for the purpose. **Act for a new steel mill.**

The council having considered a petition given into them by Alexander Brymer, present deacon, John Runciman and John Harlay, overseers, and Thomas Thomsou, present boxmaster of the society of gardiners in and about the town of Stirling, for themselves and in name of the other members of the said society, and as authorised by them conform to an act the eighth of June current, craving the sanction of the town council to their meetings and annual elections, so as the same might not be lookt upon as contrary to law and unwarrantable, for the reasons at length sett forth in the petition; the council having deliberate on the petition, and judging nothing thereby craved to be contrair law or reason, do therefore grant the desire of the petition and appoint the clerk to give the petitioners an extract of this act and of the petition given in for their warrand. **Act in favour of the gardners.**

1 *July*, 1749.

The council appoint the thesaurer to pay to *(blank)* Townly, bellfounder, two guineas for his trouble and charges for soldering a rent in one of the kirk bells. **Kirk bell.**

28 *October*, 1749.

The magistrats and town council, considering there is a summonds before the lords of session execute against the council concerning the customs, particularly those of horse, nolt, and sheep, exacted by the town and their customers, they appoint the clerk to look into the towns chartors and writs for what chartors or writs shall be found necessary to be produced for defending the town against this prosecution, and when this is done they will give him furder orders and directions theiranent. **Plea of the town as to customs.**

23 *May*, 1750.

Concerning a place for the cow market.

The council appoint that the cow market at the fairs of this burgh for hereafter be held in the vaccant ground betwixt the downmost houses at the Whins and baillie Galloway's new factory house, and recomend to baillie Thomas Gillespie to see this put in practice the morrow, being the fair day.

10 *October*, 1750.

Sherrifs encroaching on the town's privileges.

The magistrats and town council being informed that doctor Stirling had applyed to the sherrif of Stirling to have a dispute concerning the gavel of the house betwixt the said doctor and John Finlayson, sherrif clerk of Stirling, their properties determined by an inquest to be appointed by the said sherrif, and that the sherrif substitute had sustained himself judge in the debate, and as a preparatory step to his appointing an inquest ordained John Finlayson to be cited before him, which was done accordingly; this procedure of the sherrif the council look upon as most illegal and unwarrantable, and an encroachment on the right and privilege of this burgh and of the town council, who have the sole and privative right and privilege of calling and appointing inquests and cognoscing and judging in disputes concerning incroachments on propperty within burgh and what appertains thereto; and that the sherrif never had or was ever known to have or exercise any jurisdiction of that sort or pretended to any before within this burgh, and by his procedure now showed as much as he could his contempt of the council and their authority, which contempt they are determined to oppose and resent as far as law will allow; and in order to this, they recomend to the provost, for himself and in name of the council, to protest against the said sherrif substitute in propper form and for remead in law.

11 *October*, 1750.

Report concerning the encroachment.

The provost reported that, in complyance with the appointment of council, he had taken a protest against Mr. Bryce, sherrif substitute, yesterday while said sherrif was sitting in judgment, which the council approve off.

Act for an inquest to commissary Finlayson.

The council having received in a petition from commissary Finlayson, craving an inquest concerning a dispute betwixt doctor Stirling and him, they recomend to the baillie of the quarter, dean of gild, and conveener, to cause warn an inquest as craved on Saturnday the thirteenth instant at two in the afternoon, and appoint doctor Stirling to be furnished with a coppy of the petition, and to be cited to attend said time.

15 *December*, 1750.

Report having been made by the committee to whom the consideration of the state of the towns affairs was recomended, of their opinion theranent, the councill agreed to said report, and in order to extricate the town from its incumbrances so far, have come to the following resolutions, which they agree and appoint be put in practice.

Regulations concerning the towns affairs.

1. They recomend to and injoin the town thesaurer to be in diligence to recover payment of the outstanding debts due to the town, at least such part thereof as are recoverable.

2. They do prohibite the thesaurer or any member of council to imploy workmen, or to undertake any publick work above £3 Scots of expense, (and these only in case of urgent occasion), without an order of council; and that before any such work is undertaken, the council or committee of their appointing first visit and find its necessity; and that this be also observed with respect to the hospitals.

3. That no magistrat (except the eldest for the time, and that only in case of urgent necessity,) give or issue warrands or orders on the same for charity, as it tends to misapplication of the town's common good thro' importunity to magistrats, and ones not knowing what or to whom another orders charity.

4. That no gild or burges tickets be given by any magistrat or magistrats (except to persons of distinction or officers of the army lying in the place) without order of council conveened for that purpose, who may delegate one or more of the magistrats to bestow that complement, and that any tickets otherwise given be void, and the giver censurable; and this for several obvious reasons, such as to prevent solicitations to magistrats, to save the town's common good, and out of regard to the privileges of the gildry.

5. That the interest of the principal sums due by the town be, from and after the term of Whitsunday next, reduced to four and an half per cent.

6. That in order to lessen the publick expense and prevent impositions, every magistrat is to order the accounts of his spendings on the town's account to be brought into council the first Saturday of the quarter ensuing, to be then read; and if this is not done the town is not to be lyable.

7. That for hereafter no weekly or other pensioners be installed on the town, as the continuing in a contrary practice may be evidently of publick disadvantage.

Regulations concerning the towns affairs.

8. That all accompts as to publick works be brought in, and read in council, the first council day after the work is finished.

18 *May*, 1751.

Passing the streets with horses and carts.

The magistrats and town council appoint proclamation to be made thro' the town by beat of drum, strictly commanding all the burgeses and inhabitants of the town passing the streets with horses and carts, that they lead the horse by the head and not suffer the horse to go with the cart, to the endangering of children and other persons on the streets unless they be led as said is, under the pain of five pound Scots to be payed by each person acting in the contrary; and the customers at port and bridge are injoined to intimat this to all carters passing these places into the town with horses and carts.

Selling an iron gate.

Appoints the thesaurer to sell the old iron gate of the bridge, by way of roup, upon the twenty eight instant at twelve of the clock forenoon, and to cause intimate this thro' the town Friday next.

Anent unentered burgeses.

Appoints the thesaurer to cause warn such of the inhabitants who are able and have not been admitted burgeses of the burgh, to appear in council next council day and enter and admit burges, otherwise they will be expelled the burgh.

22 *June*, 1751.

Petition for a creek at Ruddery Pow.

The council impower the provost in their name to subscribe and cause present to the barrons of exchequer a representation anent settling a creek or landing place for this town at the Ruddery Pow.

3 *August*, 1751.

Anent burges tickets.

The council finding that that part of their act and regulations anent the towns affairs, agreed unto by the council the 15th of December last, so far as concerns the magistrats not giving of burges tickets (except to persons of distinction and officers of the army residing in the place) without order of council, has not been strictly observed, do therefore, the more to enforce the observance of that act, statute and enact that the clerk shall at no time hereafter give out any burges tickets to any magistrate or magistrats without authority of council contrair the intent and meaning of the foresaid act, except to persons of distinction and officers of the army foresaid, as he shall be answerable to the council.

5 *October*, 1751.

The council finding that there has been some dispute concerning the dues demanded at the troan, do statute and enact that the following table is the rule by which the troan dues are to be collected and uplifted by the taxmen therof present and to come, viz., for weighing of each stone butter, 2 s.; each stone white wool from near plaices, 2 s. 8 d.; each stone lint, 2 s. 8 d.; each stone cheese, 1 s.; each stone tallow, 1 s.; each stone foul wool from near hand plaices, 1 s. 4 d.; each stone of feathers, 1 s.; each pack of wool from far off plaices, viz., thirty or fourty miles distance, 12 s.; all Scots money. And each freeman is only to pay the half of the above dues.

Act settling the tron dues.

2 *November*, 1751.

The council considering the inconvenience occasioned by writing of the infeftments given within burgh and territorys in Latine, and being informed that such infeftments given in Edinburgh and Glasgow are now wrote in English, do therefore agree and enact that all infeftments, hereafter to be given by the town clerk off and concerning any subjects within this burgh or territory thereof, be wrote in English, so as the same may be the better understood, excepting only where the warrant of said infeftment is in Latine.

Act appointing the sasines to be wrote in English.

12 *February*, 1752.

The provost represented that he had wrote colonel Haldane, member of parliament for the burgh, to apply and obtain a clause annext to the turnpike act intended for the shire, for liberty to take down the outshots and fore stairs in the Mary Wynd in terms of the act of parliament past in March, 1707[1], and had got answer from the colonell that the councill behoved to

Fore stairs in Mary Wynd.

[1] The following is the act of parliament referred to:—"Our Sovereign Lady, considering that the easiness and patency of high roads to, through, and from royall burrows, concerns the policy of the kingdom, and that the common passage through the toun of Stirling (a place of great frequency and where her Majestie has her royall castle and pallace) is greatly impeded by severall forestairs or outshots in the street or wynd called Mary Wynd, so as neither coaches nor loadned carts or wains can conveniently pass, therefore her Majesty, with advice and consent of the estates of parliament, statutes and ordains that the magistrates of Stirling shall, betuixt and the first day of May next, take down the said forestairs or outshots and build stairs to the said houses so that the street may not be incommoded, and that at the sight and with the approbation of the earle of Mar, lieutenant collonell John Erskine, commissioner for the said burgh, and Sir John Areskine of Alva, or any two of them."—*Acts of the Parliaments of Scotland*, vol. xi., p. 483, cap. 86, 25 March 1707.

Fore stairs in Mary Wynd.

petition the house of commons for that purpose: which the council agree to do, and appoint the clerk to draw up the petition by advice and direction of the provost and William M'Killop.

15 *February*, 1752.

Act concerning the poor.

The magistrates and town council again resumeing the consideration of the state of the common poor who dayly or weekly go from door to door asking alms, they, after consultation with the several kirk sessions of the place and their thesaurers and other persons best acquainted in these matters, find that the very great burden upon this place of the begging poor does not arise from those in the burgh intituled by law to charity, but is chiefly owing to vagrants from the Highlands and the poor of neighbouring parishes who without permission enter the burgh, and mixing themselves with the poor thereof unjustly and undistinguished obtain the charity of the inhabitants who are no way intituled thereto, to the prejudice of industry and the industrious; for remedy whereof the said town council, after takeing lists of the poor have delivered to those of the place they judge deserving, badges bearing the impression of—Sterling Poor,—and the numbers; and of these a list is keept by the clerk of the burgh. And the magistrates and town council in virtue of their own powers and those committed to them by law, doe expressly prohibite and discharge all persons whatsoever in or without the burgh of Sterling who are not already found intituled to and furnished with the badges foresaid, or who shall not be upon due application furnished with the like, from begging or asking alms within the town and territorys thereof, from this day forward untill thir presents be formally altered or rescinded; certifying transgressors that they will be committed to the house of correction erected in this place, to be employed at hard labour for such time as the magistrate committer shall ordain and appoint, or subject to any other punishment of his direction; and certifying also to those furnished with the badges that they be liable to the like certification unless they go only on the Saturdays in a body together at asking charity, and wear the badges on their outer garment, or if they part with their badges to any other; and that thir presents be the more strictly observed the inhabitants are hereby discharged from bestowing alms on begging poor not provided with such badges, or in case of failyie that they be liable in payment of half a crown, *toties quoties*, to be applyed at the discretion of the magistrates.

16 *March*, 1752.

The magistrats and town council being conveened, and it being represented that there are some repairs necessary to be done to the tolbuith and hangman's house, they appoint the theasurer to cause do the same.

Repairing tolbuith and hangman's house.

14 *October*, 1752.

The council being sensible of the great trouble and hardship that lies upon the carters in and near this burgh, by their being pressed from time to time with their horses and carts for transporting the baggage belonging to the different troops that pass and repass this burgh, and that frequently in harvest and seed time, and that the government allowance is not equall to the common hire, they therefore appoint the provost, bailies Alexander and M'Killop, with the treasurer, to lay out three pound sterling amongst the saids carters as they deserve it.

£36 Scots to the carters.

APPENDIX.

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I.—Extracts from the Accounts of the Burgh of Stirling.

Compt of the common good of the burgh of Stirling, 1634.

CHARGE.

Imprimis, the fewdewtie of the toun landis extendis to the soume of	£167	18	8
Item, the custome of the bridge,	180	0	0
Item, the custome of the Barresyet,	105	0	0
Item, for the trone,	206	0	0
Item, for the pecks and furletis,	140	0	0
Item, for the gait dightings and ladill,	140	0	0
Item, for the fishing of the Water of Forth,	51	0	0
Item, for the grasse of the Brighauche,	87	0	0
Item, for the fishe skemmells,	4	0	0
Item, for the schoir meall and anchorage,	26	13	4
Item, for the impost of the malt,	120	0	0
Item, for the Kingis maill and stallage,	4	0	0
Summa of the charge is	£1,231	13	0

DISCHARGE.

Item, to Mr. William Jack, preacher, for serving in place of a secund minister,	£270	0	0
Item, to the reader of the kirk,	230	0	0
Item, to the maister of the grammer schole,	200	0	0
Item, to the doctour of the schole,	100	0	0
Item, wairit on the beiting and mending of the brig and lang calsey,	220	0	0

Item, for mending of the tolbuithe, calseyis and walles of the toun,	£130	0	0
Item, for the charges of our commissioneris of burrowes and uther adoes in the tounes effaires and materis of law, . .	260	0	0
Item, deburst of chargis on the outredding and finishing of the fabrick and building of the schole, ...	600	0	0
Summa of the discharge, . . .	£2,010	0	0
Sua superexpendit in . . .	£778	7	0

1635.

DISCHARGE.

Item, for bigging and repairing of the schoir and peir, . .	£240	0	0
Item, for mending of the tolbuithe, calseyis and walles of the toun,	100	0	0
Item, for the charges and expenssis of our commissioners bothe to particular and generall conventiones of the burrowes, . .	400	0	0

1638.

Item, for the charges of sindrie commissioneris sent abroad to Edinburgh and other places in the tyme of the truble, . .	300	0	0
Item, of charges to our commissioneris for attending the assemblie at Glasgow, ...	250	0	0

1639.

Item, of charges for sindrie commissioneris sent abroad to the committie to Dunglas and Dunce and uther pairtis, . .	320	0	0

1645.

CHAIRGE.

In primis, the feu dewtie of the towne landis, . . .	£167	9	6
Item, anent the customes and uther dewties of the towne was nowayes gottine in inrespect of the great visitatioun of the plague of pestilence within the same.			
Sua the chairge extendis onlie to . .	£167	9	6

DISCHAIRGE.

Item, to Mr. William Jack in his tyme and efter his deceis to his wyff,	£270	0	0
Item, to the reider at the kirk for half ane yeiris dewtie, . .	115	0	0
Item, to the maister of the grammer schoole, . . .	200	0	0
Item, to the doctors at the said schoole, ...	120	0	0
Item, to the commissioners chairges to the parliament and uther meetings,	600	0	0
Summa dischairge is, ...	£1,305	0	0
Sua superexpendit in, . . .	£1,137	13	4

1646.

Item, to ane secund minister, ...	£400	0	0
Item, to the reader of the kirk, ...	230	0	0

From Michaelmas, 1650, *to Michaelmas*, 1651.

CHARGE.

Imprimis, the thesaurer is chargit with the rentall of the comon lands perteining to the toune of Stirling as follows :—

Auld Mure [13 items], ...	£29	13	4
New Mure [6 „], ...	9	12	0
Robert Buchanan, litster, for thrie aikeris of land in the said New Mure, conform to his new few charter of the toune, . .	1	10	0
Park aikers [7 items], ...	14	10	0
Burrow meadow, Spittletoun, &c. [5 items], . . .	35	10	0
The annuell of the Rude altar; volts under tolbuith, &c. [13 items],	58	19	0
St. Laurence altar [7 items], ...	11	14	0
[3 "pieces waist," "ane aiker," and "St. Marockis Chapell and yeard at the bridge, £2,"]	3	3	0
The crofts and land disponed be Mr. David Forrester to Alexander Cowan, ...	10	5	0
Item, widow Jaffrayes house, ...	2	0	0
Summa of the whole rentall, with the augmentatioun	£176	16	4

Money receavit for entries, setts of the common gudes and uther casualities as they ar specifeit in the counsell book :—			
Entries and liberties,	£277	2	4
Setts of the common gudes,	1,344	0	0
Dutie of the Brighauch,	320	0	0
Money receaved for making up the ministeris stipend, viz. :—			
The dean of gild,	180	0	0
The convener,	180	0	0
Visitor of the maltmen,	60	0	0
The mechanikis and omnigadrum,	84	0	0
Summa totalis of the haill charge,	£2,621	18	8

DISCHARGE of the money depursit :—

1650. *September.*—Imprimis, to the clerk of the committee for wreitting a bill annent the dismissing of the frie quarters of the toune,	£1	10	0
October.—Item, delyverit to the proveist which he requyrit to be given in drink money to those who were working at the clous,	3	0	0
Item, spent with the men that helpit to house the coallis that came into the garisone in October 1650,	0	14	0
Item, to the persons quho clensit the sellaris quherein the collis were putt,	1	0	0
Item, depursit for leading timber to the clous,	1	2	0
Item, delyverit to William Erskine, one of the ardtellyearie, to buy greine harne and threid,	1	12	0
Item, given for a new lock to the portcoolies,	1	0	0
Item, given to a post that went to Perth with letteres,	1	16	0
Item, spent with the balyeis when they sighted the flesh mercatt,	1	0	0
Item, to one of the canoneirs to buy nailles and stiffen,	0	8	0
Item, for two blockheadis for scouring the canon,	0	6	0
Item, for ane quart of wyne that wes spent with the balyeis and old thesaurer that day quhen the keyes of the charterhouse wes receavit,	1	12	0
Item, givin for ane hors hyre to Perth,	2	6	8
Item, to Johne Finlaysone for ryding to Perth on publict bussines,	4	0	0
Item, for two loks to the doores quherin the garison collis were putt,	2	0	0
Item, to the trumpeter for proclaiming the prorogatioun of the parliament,	2	18	0

Item, to Robert Wingyett for reading the prorogatioun of the parliament,	£1	10	0
Item, to Jonet Kilbowie for dinner to the proveist and balyeis at the Latter fair, ...	17	6	0
Item, for thrie hundreth plencher naillis to mak up the fute gangs at the warkis, ...	2	2	0
Item, spent in Cristopher Russallis house for wyne, sugar, bread, tobacco and pypes, with Bailyie Crawfurd, the conveinar and deacones, seing they were not at dinner with the provest and balyeis in Jonet Kilbowies, ...	8	18	0
Item, given to a boy for going to Elphinstoun with a lettre to my lord to desyre him to big up his part of the wall, . . .	0	8	0
November.—Item, depursit, for two fatt ky to Mr. James Guthrie, minister, at 24 lib. the peice, ...	48	0	0
Item, for wyne at the delyverie of the ky, and for ane stand to putt them,	2	6	0
Item, to James Moresone for dressing the stand and making a lid tharto, ...	1	12	0
Item, givin to Robert Harvie for his horse hyre to Perth with John Finlaysone quho wes directit by the balyeis on publict bussines, .	2	6	8
Item, to the said John Finlaysone for his owne charges at that tyme, .	4	0	0
Item, depursit to David Neilsone, for going with letteres to Glasgow concerning publict bussines, ...	2	15	0
Item, to William Bardie for going to Perth annent some publict business, ...	1	16	0
Item, for 100 flooring naillis to the warkis, which were delyverit to John Russall, ensigne, ...	1	0	0
Item, to one that went with letteres to Perth annent publict bussines the 5 of November, ...	1	16	0
Item, for 200 flooring and 100 plenscher naillis to mak up a guard at the nether cannon, ...	1	14	0
Item, for 20 garron naillis to Thomas Wymes, major of the ardtellyearie,	1	10	0
Item, for two iron bolts and steples to them, ...	2	3	4
Item, to Alexander Monteath for towes to the knok, . . .	3	0	0
Item, givin for 100 flooring naillis and half a hundreth plenscher naillis delyverit to Johne Mellines for the use of the warkis, .	1	7	0
Item, depursit to Thomas Downey for his wark at the port, and a quarter hundreth garron nailles, and laying of the gudge of the portcoolies, and other charges, ...	12	0	0

Item, to James Slatt, sklaitter, and his man, for mending about the charterhouse,	£2	8	0
Item, to James Chrystisone, wright, for his work at the portcoolies and for mending of the maine guard, and for aill spent with the men that helpit,	2	8	0
Item, to Thomas Downey for laying one of the gudges of the portcoolies over agayne with garrons and naillis to the wallis, and aill spent,	3	12	0
Item, delyverit to Mr. David Bennet, minister, for half a yeires stipend,	466	13	4
and for ane pynt wyne and 4 unce of sugar quhen the money was delyverit to him,	1	6	0
Item, deliverit to Mr. David Will, scholemaister, for his stipend frae Martymas 1650 to Whitsonday 1651,	133	6	8
and for j pynt of wyne quhen he was payit,	0	16	0
Item, to Mr. David Wilsone, doctor, for his stipend for the said half yeire,	33	5	0
Item, to William Meiklejohnne, precentor, for his stipend for the said half yeire,	80	0	0
Dècember.—Item, to Thomas Barkley for going to Perth with letteres annent publict bussines,	2	0	0
Item, depursit for ane quarter hundreth flooring nailles and 5 garrones to the maine guard,	0	12	6
Item, depursit for 45 flooring nailles to Thomas Weymes, major of the ardtellyearie,	0	7	6
Item, depursit to two men for carrying a ledder to the gallowes for hanging the spy,	0	6	0
Item, spent with the proveist, at his going to Perth, for j chopine sek,	0	16	0
Item, to Gilbert Maisterton, glasinwright, for glassing of the schooll,	28	12	0
Item, givin for beatting a bank to cause the inhabitants staye,	0	4	0
Item, depursit for 100 flooring and 100 plenscher nailles delyverit to Captain Weymes,	1	14	0
Item, delyverit to Johne Schort, proveist, for his charges as commissionar to the parliament holden at Perth, 22 December, 1650,	73	4	0
Item, to Robert Garnok, smyth, for wark furnischt be him fra the 28th of September to the last of December 1650, the most part of which wark wes for the clous,	33	1	8

Item, for saip to the portcoolies, a pund monthlie, for the months of October, November, December, 1650, and January 1651, being four pund saip,	£1	12	0
1651. *January.*—Item, depursit for 100 flooring nailles to Captain Weymes,	1	0	0
Item, for four double garrons to him,	0	6	0
Given to the officiaris for breaking the yce at the burrowes gate, at the proveists direction,	0	6	0
Item, givin to James Mitchell and Thomas Crumbie for going with amunitioun to Callendar,	1	16	0
Item, payit to Robert Buchanan for his hors hyre to Perth with the proveist,	4	0	0
Item, to the officiaris for taking James Grahmes leg out of the wall,	2	8	0
Spent at the maine guard for aill,	0	12	0
Depursit to Johne Mellines for making mellis to the yce,	3	12	7
To Johne Hendrie, wrycht, for helping to mak the saidis mellis,	0	13	4
Item to Thomas Jamesone for four schafts of poleaxes to be maid mell schaftis,	1	4	0
Item, for 6 lead coallis that wer put in the sellar beneath the tolbuith for the use of the tolbuith,	3	0	0
Item, to Finlay Chrystie for a hors hyre to Perth,	4	0	0
Given to Marteine the executioner to buy collis,	0	6	8
Item, givin for upputting of James Grahmes leg and spent with them that did it,	4	0	0
Item, to Johne Mellines for thrie great mellis for ramming faill, quhich he delyverit to the agitant,	0	12	0
Item, given to James Mitchell for ane hors hyre to St. Androis,	4	0	0
February.—Item, for ane lead of peatts to the general-majoris men quho wer in the tolbuith,	0	8	0
and for a lead collis to them,	0	10	0
Item, for 200 flooring naillis which were delyverit to John Mellines for the use of the futegang at the south wall,	2	0	0
Item, payit for another lead collis for the general-majoris men,	0	13	4
Item, to John Mellines for his wark and two men that helpit, and for drink at the wallis,	2	9	4
Item, for the carrying of tries doune frae the proveists yeard head to the guard,	0	6	0

Givin to William Waird for 15 throuch of gray paper to the cannon, .	£0	5	0
and for stiffen and twyne to them, ...	0	1	0
Item, for thrie sheep skins to dight the cannon, . . .	2	8	0
Item, for towes to Captane Weymes for carrying the speds and schoollis,	0	18	0
Item, for carrying of timber out of Thomas Bachops clos to the wallis,	0	8	0
Item, for carying doune amunition from the castell to the tounes magazine, ...	0	16	0
Depursit for two lead of mett collis at the schore to the general-majoris men, ...	2	13	4
Item, to the officiaris for dighting the tolbuith efter the sojouris went out of it, ...	0	12	0
Item, givin to the clerk of the committee for getting a warrand past to exeime the toune frae furnishing cloathes to the soudiouris, .	5	14	0
Givin for 100 flooring nailles to one Serjant Inglis, at Balyie Crawfurdis command, ...	1	0	0
Givin to George Synclair, a distrest stranger, at the proveist and balyeis directioun, ...	3	12	0
Item, depursit for skenyie for drawing draughts besyd the clous, .	0	6	0
Delyverit to Alexander Menteath for his chargis at St. Androis, being sent ther by the magistratis, ...	15	0	0
March.—Item, depursit for ane new baak and brods to the tron and two pair towes thereto, ...	12	0	0
Item, for half a hunder flooring nailles to mend the futegang at the warkis, ...	0	10	0
Item, for 100 flooring naillis to the platforme, . . .	1	0	0
Item, to Johne Hamilton for beating a bank for calling doun the pryce of the wyne, ...	0	12	0
Apryll.—To James Ewine for going throw with the bell tuo tymes for gudeschep aill and Martymes setts, ...	0	8	0
To John Wordie for reading the ordoures annent upcrying the money,	1	6	8
To the officiaris for seiking hors to go to Rosneth, . . .	0	2	0
Given for half a hunder nailles to mak the meare, . . .	0	10	0
Givin to the men that backfild the wallis, to buy drink, . .	0	6	8
Item, depursit for furnisching to mak up the kings stables, as follows, viz. :—			
For two hunder flooring and 200 plenscher naillis, delyverit to John Paterson, ...	3	8	0

Item, for tuo lokis and tuo pair of bands therto, . . .	£2	13	4
To the said John Paterson to buy drink at the wark, . .	0	6	8
Item, to him the nixt day for his morning drink, . .	0	6	8
To a man and a boy that caried the tries and daillies to the stables,	0	4	0
Item, spent with Johne Petersone at another tyme for furthering the work, ...	0	7	0
Item, for 100 naillis and 7 fathome towes to mend the hekis quhen they fell doune, ...	1	10	0
Spent with Johne Patersone at that tyme, . . .	0	4	8
Item, given to Hary Dow for copying the tounes countis for frie quartering, ...	0	13	4
Item, to Johne Hamilton for beatting a bank for adjourning the parliament, ...	0	13	4
To Robert Wingyet for reading the ordouris to that effect, . .	1	4	0
Item, for ane chalder collis to the agitant, ...	5	10	8
Given for half a hundreth flooring nailles to the new poirt, . .	0	10	0
Given for half a hundreth nailles plenscher to the cannons that went to the furds, ...	0	7	0
Item, to Major Weymes for needles and threid to schew the catrages,	0	4	0
Item, for 20 fathome towes to Major Weymes for drawing the cannon,	2	13	4
Item, for three quarteris hunder flooring nailles to the cannon, .	0	15	0
and for a pund of butter therto, ...	0	8	0
Item, given to Robert Whyte for going with letteres to Bruntilland, and other places, at command of the balyeis, . . .	2	6	8
Item, given for fyve hors hyre for carying amunitioun to the furds, .	8	6	8
Item, given for leading lym and sand to the new poirt, . .	3	13	8
Spent with Major Weymes, Balyie Bachop, and with the warkmen at the backfilling of the wallis, for drink, ...	1	19	4
Item, for 6 fathomes small towes and 15 nailles to Captain Weymes for the cannon, ...	0	6	0
Item, given to Johne Kempe [and 3 others] for drawing tries to the port, and for drink to them, ...	1	14	8
Item, depursit for cleathes and furnisching to Marteine the executioner, as followes, viz., for four ellis half gray, at 40 s. the ell, .	9	0	0
Item, for 2 ellis 2 quarteris harne to be lynen therto, . .	1	1	2
and for j pair shoes to him, ...	1	18	0
and for a bonnet to him, ...	1	4	0

Item, for two craigcloathes to him,	£0	8	8
Item, for 7 ellis harne to be to him two schirtis, at 8 s. 6 d. the ell,	2	19	6
Item, for making of his cloathes, shirts, and craigcloathes,	2	10	0
May.—Item, depursit to James Steill, sklaitter, conforme to his particular count as followes, viz., for his work and his mans for the space of xj dayes at the tolbuith, at 22 s. 8 d. daylie, *inde*,	12	9	4
Item, for 200 skalyie,	6	0	0
Item, for 15 burden fog,	1	17	6
Item, for morning drink and four houris the said xj dayes at 6 s. daylie,	3	6	0
Item, to Robert Garnok, smyth, for 200 and a half skalyie naillis,	2	0	0
Item, spent in drink at aggreing with him,	0	6	0
Item, to Robert Whyte for going to Perth for cloath to be the officiars cloathes,	2	6	8
Item, spent in Johne Cahounes house with the commissionaris from burrowes and for dinner to the proveist and balyeis at the fair and for the maisseris dinner efter their proclaming the acts of parliament,	65	0	8
Item, mair for tobacco and pyps that tyme,	0	9	0
Item, to the officiaris for dighting of the counsell house,	0	6	8
Item, to thrie Inglischmen that were prisoneris quho were not able to march quhen they were set at libertie,	0	18	0
Item, to Johne Hamilton for beatting a bank quhen the ordouris were read for bringing in provisioun to the armie,	0	12	0
Item, given to John Moresone for helping up and doune with the portcoollies and opening the gate divers tymes,	4	0	0
Item, depursit for thrie hors hyre to Perth with some of the King's servantis on Argyllis ordour,	12	0	0
Item, to Andro Coupar and others that caried timber from the castell to the parliament house,	0	16	0
June.—Item, to James Chrystisone and his tuo men for their work at the parliament house and making up a stable at James Daes house,	8	10	0
Item, spent with Johne Robeine for his making a discharge to my Lord Burghlie annent the recept of the money for the Kings hors,	0	8	0
Item, for half a hundreth plenscher nailles to naill up the windowes of the tolbuith to hinder the prisoneris sight of the streett,	0	7	0
Given to James Ewine for carying furms and cuschiones to the parliament house,	0	8	0

To James Makewine and John Waand for their onwaitting a quhill at the parliament house, ...	£0	4	8
Item, spent with Androw Cowan and Alexander Cuninghame, and another wrycht, at the lifting of the timber quheron the throne stood in the castell and bringing it to the parliament house, .	0	13	4
Item, given to Marteine before and efter the executioun of the man quho murderit his chyld, ...	1	15	4
and for towes to hang him with, ...	0	4	0
Spent with the old proveist and balyeis in James Swordis eftir the execution, on wyne, aill, and tobacco, ...	3	11	6
Given to the officiaris for watching and keeping the candlesticks in the parliament house tuo nychts, ...	0	10	0
Given to Andro Bell for going with letteres to Perth, Dundie, and Aberdeine, ...	10	0	0
To the officiaris for removing thrie whores off the toune, . .	0	13	4
Item, to Marteine for his paines and for towes, . . .	0	12	8
Item, for a lok to the doore of Robert Wyngyetis chalmer which wes maid a stable for the King's use, ...	0	18	0
Item for ane key and nailles to William Smyth his stable for the use of the Kings hors, ...	0	4	0
Item, depursit to Robert Steinsone and Johne M'Nair, for 62 dailles which were receavit by James Chrystisone, wrycht, to be a thron and benches in the parliament house and to mak up the Kings stables,	41	6	8
July.—Item, given to Thomas Burne for going to warne hors for lifting the Kings baggage, ...	0	6	8
Given to Johne Hamilton for beatting a bank to call all officiaris and souldiouirs to the leager, ...	0	12	0
Item, given to tuo men that convoyed the Kings coatch to the leager,	1	4	0
Item, to David M'Iltirie for going with a lettre to the leager from the committee of estaitts, ...	0	6	0
To the officiaris for dighting the tolbuith eftir the sojouris went away,	0	12	0
Item, to the post of Dundie who brocht letteres and summondis from Balcarras, the Kings commissionar, and the general assemblie anent the ministeris, ...	3	6	8
Item, delyverit to Mr. David Bennett, minister, for half a yeirs stipend,	466	13	4
and depursit for j pint wyne and four unce of succar at his payment making, ...	2	5	4

Item, to Marioun Layng for aill to Robert Steinsone, and John Crawfurd, balyeis, and otheris quho were at the watche, . .	£0	16	0
August.—Item, given to a post that went to Perth with letteres from the estaitts to Balcarras, ...	3	0	0
Item, to Johne Crawfurd, for a table cloath that wes takine and put out on the wallis for cullouris, ...	2	13	4
Item, for ane lantron to schow lycht quhen the Inglisches enterit the toune in the nycht, ...	2	2	0
Item, furnischt to the Inglisch for the castell, 700 plenscher naillis, .	5	3	8
Item, depursit for a lock to the agitant, ...	1	0	0
Item, depursit be ordor of counsell, at the capitulatioun, and to the castell as followes, viz. :—Imprimis, for 8 gallons and a quart Frensh wyne tane in to the castell to Governor Cuninghame with a quart spent at the metting thereof, . . .	102	0	0
Item, for 10 pund of tobacco, ...	20	0	0
Item, for 17 pynts acavite sent in to him, at 4 li. the pynt, . .	68	0	0
Item, for 10 pynts Holland wateris of the best sort, . . .	40	0	0
Item, for tuo gros of tobacco pyps, ...	6	13	4
Item, for [17] pynts of course acavite at 4 merk the pynt, . .	45	6	8
Item, for tuo pund cinamon sent into the castell, . . .	12	0	0
Item, for 7 pund succar, ...	12	12	0
Mair, for the English trumpeters charges quho wes deteind in Christopher Russalis house 6 or 7 dayes quhill our armie marcht away,	27	7	0
Item, spent at the balyeis ordour the tyme of the capitulatioun and thereftir, with quarter-masteris and other officiaris, and otherwayes in employment for the gude of the toune, . . .	27	0	0
Spent in James Watsones at the wreitting of the capitulatioun, .	3	0	0
Spent with Argylls trumpeter, ...	4	10	0
Item, for tuo quarts wyne, ane dossone pyps and a pund of tobacco and tuo glasses sent by the balyeis to Leivtenent-general Monk to the Levielands, ...	9	6	8
Item, for j pint wyne to the trumpeter quho came to intimate a parley, and for a loaff, ...	1	14	0
Item, to maister William Hendersone, for wreting of the capitulatioun,	16	13	4
Item, for dighting of the tolbuith, ...	1	4	0
Item, to James Ewine and James Makein for carrying cuscheons from the kirk to the tolbuith, ...	0	12	0

Item, ther wes delyverit to the governor Cuninghame ane silver cup of the thesaureris own, with a quart stoup, quhilk wes recoverit a moneth therefter for which he gave in saiffer silver to a woman,	£3	0	0
Item, for a quart wyne that went in to him in the stoup, . .	3	6	8
Item, furnisht to the said Governor Cunyngham to the castell, 9 stane candle, ...	45	0	0
Item for xj stane butter to him at 4 li. 10 s. the stane, with two tries, inde, ...	50	10	0
Item, given for 8 gallons aill, at 4 s. the pynt, with a trie, . .	14	8	0
Item, spent with these that gat the aill, ...	2	0	0
Item, depursit to warkmen for carrying the fulyie of the streetts efter the Inglish came in to the toune, ...	13	6	8
September.—Item to John Moresoune, coupar, for 5 dry stoollis to the tolbuith, ...	8	6	8
Item, to Murdoch Reoch for the maill of a seller quherin the speds and schoollis of the ardtellyearie were kept, . . .	1	0	0
Item, payit for daillis and naillis for closing up the tolbuith windowes to the provest merschall, ...	2	18	0
Item, payit to the provest Merschall for lokis and keyes to the tolbuith and for causing the bell goe throuch the toun for transporting dung,	2	2	0
Item, payit to Johne Robertsone, balyie, for the charges he warit on recovering of the tounes writts out of the castell, . .	14	6	8
Item, for a new kist to keipe the writtes in, ...	9	6	8
Item, depursit to Thomas Bachop which he gave out to severall posts that were directit at the governouris ordouris the tyme that the thesaurer wes seik, from the second of September, . .	38	13	4
Item, depursit to Johne Crawfurd which he advancit to posts, at the governouris ordour in the said moneth off September, . .	13	10	0
Item, mair depursit to Johne Crawford which he advancit to posts that went to severall parisches and other expenssis for publict bussines,	39	13	4
Item, to Christopher Russall, merchand, for a table cloath quhilk wes tane to the toune wall for culloris quhen the Inglisches came, .	3	6	8
Item, to Johne Aisson for convoying the Kings armie to Lanerk, at Balyie Steinsones directioun, ...	1	16	0
Item, depursit for candle frae Michaelmas 1650 to Michaelmas 1651 to the guards, tolbuith, parliament and committees quhen they sate here, ...	102	0	0

Item, to Marteine, the executioner, for his fiall fra Michaelmas 1650 to 7 of August 1651 (at quhich time he went away) being 44 weikis at 10s. weiklie, ...	£22	0	0
Item, payit to James Keir, for his fiscall fie preceiding Michelmes 1651,	4	0	0
Item, depursit for [60] pair of bandelires that were gottin from Johne Niblo for the use of the toune at 33 s. 4 d. the pair, . .	100	0	0
Item, to the proveist for his fie, ...	10	0	0
Item, to Thomas Bachop, Robert Steinsone and Robert Young, balyeis, for their fie, ...	12	0	0
Item, to the thesaurer himselff for his fie, ...	4	0	0
Item, to the four officiaris for their fie, ...	8	0	0
Item, depursit to Jonet Kilbowie which wes spent the tyme of the capitulatioun by and attour quhat is specifeit in the former count at the said capitulatioun, ...	10	11	4
Item, for meat and drink to two canonieris and for the quarteris of ane Inglish trumpeter at Balyie Crawfurdis directioun, . .	6	6	8
Item, given for keiping the trumpeteris hors 6 dayes before the capitulatioun, ...	8	10	0
Item, ther is to be deducit of the charge the annuallis of the Rude altar as not in use to be payit, ...	5	3	8
Item, mair to be deducit for St. Marokis chapell and yeard as not in use to be payit, ...	2	0	0
Item, for an dennar at the compts making, ...	52	12	9
Summa of the wholl discharge, . .	£5,065	15	10[1]
Sua thar is found to be restan to the thesorer	£2,443	17	8

From Michaelmas 1651 *to Michaelmas* 1652.

Oct.—Depursit to the officiaris for removing out of the toune of divers vagabound beggaris, ...	£1	4	0
Item, payit to posts and other messengers that were sent abroad to several places and paroches, at command of the governour and Inglisch officiaris, ...	6	10	8
Nov.—Item, payit to James Ewine for going throw with the bellis at severall tymes, ...	1	4	0

[1] This is the summation of the original account, not of the print. Being the earliest detailed account which has been discovered, fuller extracts have been made from it than from subsequent ones, but still several items are omitted.

Dec.—Item, payit to thrie men for burying a dead hors in the Castell-hill, at the directioun of the Inglisch officiars, ...	£0	15	10
Item, to the sojouris, at Thomas Buchannans chalmer, for saving ane firlott and ane peck of the tounes unbrunt, and to the proveist merschallis man quho wes instrumentall in it, ...	1	16	0
1652. *Jan.*—Item, payit for the hyre of a horse and a man to Leith quhen the major went to London, ...	4	16	8
Item, payit to Johne Sands for going to Glasgow with a lettere to the magestratis ther anent publict bussines and concerning the commissioneris, ...	1	16	0
Item, payit for tuo hors going to Leith for money to the garisone, .	6	13	4
Item, to Androw Bell for going with a lettere to Dalkeithe, . .	2	8	0
Feb.—Item, spent with Thomas Bruce that nycht before he went commissionar to Dalkeith, and that morning he went away, the balyeis and conveinar being present, upone wyne, succar, tobacco, and other necessaris, ...	8	6	0
Item, for ane great brasen chandler that was lost in the comittee house anno 1651, ...	4	0	0
and for a lanterne lost in the castell, ...	2	13	0
March.—Item, spent with the governor and his officars, 5 March, at the opening of burrowsyeatt, viz. :—			
For six pynts sek at 48 s. the pynt, ...	14	8	0
Item, for aill that tyme, ...	1	13	0
Item, for 14 bread, ...	1	8	0
Item, for tobacco and pyps, ...	0	15	0
Item, for two pynts of tent, ...	5	6	8
Item, for four pynts canarie, ...	9	12	0
Item, for candle, ...	0	4	0
Item, for 16 busts of confectiounes, ...	12	0	0
Item, for j pund succar that tyme, ...	1	16	0
Spent with Thomas Bruce eftir he came from Dalkeith in Johne Cahounes house, the deane of gild, conveinar, and some of the balyeis present, for 9 muchkines canary, tobacco and pypes, etc.,	6	0	0
Mair therefter with Thomas Bruce quhen he went to his owne howse, for j muchkine canary, ...	0	12	0
Item, to a messinger that brought the printed papers annent the customes, ...	0	9	4

To the officaris for affixing the saids papers on the cros, . .	£0	8	0
Item, to John Talyeor, Umphra Malcome, and Walter Makinlay for going to Kippen, Gargunnok and Alloway for corne and strae agayne general-major Deane come heire, ...	1	16	0
Item, to a post that came frae Linlithgow with intelligence how they went on in electing ther commissionar to Dalkeith, . .	3	0	0
Coalls furnischt to the guards betwixt October 1651 and the 17 of March 1652, at which time they began to furnisch themselffis, .	167	0	4
April.—Item, payed to the workmen that bigged up the new laich port and maid open the burrowsyeatt, ...	48	9	4
Item, payit to Johne Patersone, wrycht, for his work in making doores and seatts and other work at the Burrowsyeatt, . . .	4	16	0
Item, payit to Robert Luckiesone for the hyre of his hors for thrie severall voyages, twyse with the clerk to Dalkeith and once with the proveists wyfe to Edinburgh, ...	12	0	0
Item, payit for j pynt of seck which wes sent for be Balyie Baird to the proveists, the leivtenant-collonel being ther, . . .	2	8	0
Mair payit at that tyme which wes spent in the proveists house for j quart aill 12 unce succar and tuo unce tobacco and pyps, .	2	1	0
Item, depursit for charges with the majestrats, governour and officaris in the proveists house the nycht before the election as followes, viz.: — For 10 pynts sek from Davie Nicoll at 48 s. the pynt, ...	24	0	0
Item, for four pynts aill from James Gib, ...	0	10	0
Item, for uther 4 pynts aill from James Suord, . . .	0	10	0
Item, for 5 pund of succar at 36 s. the pund, ...	9	0	0
Item, for ane pund cutt and dry and 3 dozen pypes, . . .	2	2	0
Item, that nycht that the majestrats were electit for 12 busts confectiounes at 15 s. the bust, ...	9	0	0
Item, for 5 pund succar, ...	9	0	0
Item, ane pund and a half of cutt and dry with 3 dozen pypes, .	3	4	6
Item, for 6 pund reasines and tuo pund fygs, . . .	4	16	0
Item, for j quart of seck gotten frae Walter Cowan, . . .	4	16	0
Item, for four quarts seck gotten frae David Nicoll, . . .	19	4	0
Item, for thrie quarts claret frae Jonet Kilbowie, . . .	7	4	0
Item, for 6 quarts aill gotten frae James Gib, . . .	1	10	0
Item, to the officaris to refraine frae drinking that day, . . .	0	12	0

May.—Item, spent with the clerk before he went to Dalkeith on a mutchkin sek and ane unce sugar, ...	£0	15	0
Item, to the Baron Torbrecks for ane hors hyre to Dalkeith with the clerk, ...	4	0	0
Item, to the officeris for putting away beggaris, . . .	0	6	0
Item, payit for staves to the officaris, ...	1	7	0
Item, depursit for glassing the schooll windowes, . . .	19	0	0
Item, to Moreis Ewine and Moreis Patersone for attending the customes of the staiges in May 1652, nothing being gotten of custome that tyme, ...	1	14	0
Payit to the officars for sueiping the tolbuith and counsell house and cleansing them before the schereff wes placit, . . .	0	18	0
Payit to Hary Layng for his paines in trying the way for framing ane horse mill and bringing home a paterne thereof from Newcastle,	12	0	0
Payit to the travellour for taking eist the silver mace to Edinburgh to James Rae which wes borrowit, ...	0	14	0
To James Chrystisone for making a cais to it, . . .	1	0	0
Item, depursit for lodging tuo posts and thrie broken sea men, .	2	13	0
June.—Item, payit to the officaris for putting away out of the toune of ane old vagabound wyfe that had a dumb bairne, and syndrie other beggaris, ...	1	4	0
Item, spent with the marschall quhen he was dealt with to permitt his man to scourge some theives, ...	1	4	0
Item, to Philip the marschallis man that day he condiscendit to scourge the theives, ...	0	12	0
Item, for drink to him before he scourgit them, . . .	0	12	0
Item, to him for scourging and burning them on the schoulder, .	6	12	0
Item, payit at the feying of Steuart to be hangman in arrallis, .	0	6	0
Item, quhen he undertook the office, ...	0	12	0
Item, to Johne Hendrie, wright, for nailling up the doores of the court de guard quhen the regiment removit and for garron nailles therto,	0	19	0
Item, for coalls, rosett and vineger and flowres to clens the counseli house efter the Inglish prisoners went out of it, . . .	2	2	0
Item, for aill and beir gotten to the marschallis man and the officaris efter the clensing of the tolbuith, ...	0	15	0
Item, to William Lapsley quho undertook to be hangman for ane staff and in arrallis, ...	0	8	0

Payit for towes to hing the counsell bell, ...	£0	4	0
July.—Item, payit to Thomas M'Caulay for going to Donypace and Larber to seik hors to carie baggage to Dunbartane, . .	0	9	0
Item, to tuo hurt sojouris, at the proveistis directioun, . .	0	12	0
August.—Payit to one Adam Bras, a lame sojour that wantit the arme,	0	12	0
Item, depursit for j pund sope, j chopine wyne, and succar, to Margaret Menteith, for wasching of the comunion table cloath, . .	1	0	0
Item, to the said Margaret for hir paines in wasching and dressing it, ...	0	15	0
Item, for fyve quarteris cloath to be a cover to the said boord cloath,	0	13	0
Item, of drink silver to Margaret Menteiths las, . . .	0	2	0
Item, payit for mending the counsell bell and making new plums to the knock, ...	2	6	8
Item, to the glassinwright for making up the glas windowes in the counsell house, ane being maid up all new and another mendit,	10	18	0
Item, to Thomas Nairne, saidler, for stuffing and lynning the furmes in the counsell house and furnishing materiallis, . . .	7	16	0
Item, to Gilbert Robertsone for 10 ellis and j quarter greine freis to cover the furmes of the tolbuith with, ...	18	0	0
Item, payit to James Ewine which he gave for ten great tries that he bought from the Scotts souldiouris anno 1651, the one half wes to be speds and schoollis and the other half to be mellis and mell schafts to brake the yce at the burrow milne, . . .	7	16	0
September.—Item, payit to the four officiars for dighting the tolbuith, heich and laich, before the justice air came heir, . .	0	18	0
Item, to a man that wes directed to Culros to try whither the hangman ther wes alyve or not, ...	1	4	0
Spent with James Keir at his welcome home from Edinburgh, being on the tounes bussines, ...	1	7	0
Spent with William Barclay at his last coming from Edinburgh, being on the tounes efaires, to his weilcome home, . . .	0	18	0
Payit for floures to the tolbuith before the judges came heire, . .	0	15	0
Payit to James Sword and William Smyth for ther charges quhen they were directit to Culrois for the executioner, . . .	14	2	0
Payit for a pair breechis to the executioner and for lyning to them and making them, ...	4	19	8
To ane new hangman, ...	0	9	0

Item, payit to the hangman of Culros xj dayes pay by the tuo dayes he gatt before, with drink money at the executioun, . .	£6	2	0
Item, spent with Johne Mellines and other wrychts and the officeris quhen they were aggriet with to mak up the gallowes in the valley,	1	6	0
Item, for tuo spars to be the gallowes and for tuo dailles and tuo tar barrellis, ...	3	17	4
Item, for peatts and colles to the executioun, ...	5	9	0
Item, to the officeris efter the executioun, ...	0	12	0
Item, to the hangman quhen he went away, ...	8	0	0
Payit to John Eglintoun for furnisching meatt and drink to the theives and witches that cam frae Perth to the justice air, . .	4	0	0
Payit to Agnes Lindsey for hir greene cloath that wes borrowit to lay before the judges in the tolbuith which wes all spoilyit and cuttit with beasts, ...	6	13	4
Followes the compt of the expenssis warit and bestowit quhen the judges were heire at the justice air and were maid burgessis:—			
To Johne Colquhoun for twentie quarts seck at 36 s. the pynt, .	72	0	0
Item, to David Nicoll for four quarts whyte wyne, . .	8	0	0
Item, for 6 quarts beir frae Rolland Hill, . . .	2	8	0
Item, in the tolbuith and at the port for 14 pund succar, .	25	4	0
Item, for 21 busts of confectiounes, ...	14	14	0
Item for 11 busts, ...	8	5	0
Item, for 12 pund reasines, ...	7	4	0
Item, for 8 pund fygs, ...	4	16	0
Item, for ane pund and a half of tobacco and for pyps, . .	3	16	0
To Alexander Scheillis for j^{c} great aples, . . .	1	10	0
Item, to Robert Cuninghames wyfe for peares and floures, .	2	3	4
To William Fogo for 100 pears, ...	0	18	0
Item, to Johne Andersone for 200 aples and peares, . .	2	4	0
Item, for 3 pund 15 unce succar for making sueit cackes, .	7	1	6
Item, for flowre, butter, egs, and baking, . . .	6	7	4
Item, ther wes payit at the port for tuo quarts aill quhen the judges went away, ...	0	8	0
Item, ther wes sent to proveist Schorts house eftir the judges went away 4 unce succar, tobacco and pypes, ...	0	14	0
Item, spent with some of counsellouris that were not in the tolbuith quhen the judges were ther, ...	1	15	0

Item, payit to Johne Russall for glasses quhen the judges were heire,	£4	16	0
Item, to Alexander Menteath for 14 ellis rid taffetie ribbens at 8 s. the ell for the use of the burges tickettis to the judges,	5	12	0
Item, mair for 29 ells 3 quarters narrow rid ribbens delyverit to William Barcley for the said use at 6 s. the ell,	8	18	0
Mair, to him of white walx, ane pund for the said use,	0	18	0
and of rid walx, 7 unce,	0	10	6

From Michaelmas, 1652, *to Michaelmas*, 1653.

November.—Item, payit at direction of the bailyis, dean of gild and conveinar, when the charter was revisit,	£5	8	0
Item, payit to John Drumond and John Dickson to goe to Falkirk with two Inglisch troupers,	1	16	0
Item, for 2 deals to be skemals for breaking of fish,	1	4	0
Item, for j double trie to be feet and sawing thereof,	1	16	0
Item, for making of them,	0	18	0
December.—Item for 22 fodome of towes to the knoke paces and cariage out of Edinburgh,	2	14	0
Item, that day Collonell Ridde was rescavit to be burges, j load colis,	0	9	0
Item, 26 buist confections,	19	10	0
Item, 14½ li. of sugar to the tolbuth and bakhous,	27	11	0
Item, to Robert Burne for wyne,	75	5	0
Item, for 8 quartes bear at 4 s. the pynt,	3	4	0
Item, payit to the conveinar for baking,	6	0	0
Item, 8 li resings,	4	8	0
Item, 6½ li. fyges,	3	5	0
Item, ane hunder three quarters hunder aples,	3	10	0
Item, ane pund and ane halfe tobaco,	2	5	0
Item, for 2 cannell to the tolbuith and ane to the stentmasteris,	0	6	0
Item, 4 dozen and ane half of pypes,	0	18	0
Item, for 5 ell carpetin to be ane bordcloth to the counsell table,	12	0	0
1653. *January.*—Item, for 4 bissomes to the towbuith,	0	1	4
Item, for j load of clay to the scoole,	0	2	6
Item, payit quhen Johne Andersone and David Millar ingadged to gather the obites,	3	6	8
Item, given to Robert Quhyt quhen he brought some proclamationes from Edinburgh,	0	12	0

May.—Item, William Lukisone and William Moderall, enterit to the long calsey, six dayes,	£6	0	0
Item, to William Andersone for loading stones, 3 dayes,	1	10	0
Item, given to James Burne and his man, being j day at the bridge,	1	0	0
Item, for their morning drinke and four hours,	0	6	0
Item, payit to John Huit and Adame Jacke at the repairing of the tolbuithe, every one of them six dayes at 13s. 4d.,	8	0	0
Item, for ther man, 6 dayes,	2	0	0
Item, for six burden of foge,	1	4	0
Item, for ther morning drinke and four hours,	2	8	0
Item, for 7½ fodome towes to the trone brods,	1	2	6
Item, givin to Johne Denune and Johne Campbell to goe to Borrowstounes with ane mad woman,	1	16	0
Item, to Andrew Cadell for carting a woman throw the towne,	0	12	0
August.—Item, payit to Robert Burne, quhen Lylburne was made burges, with wthers,	75	1	0
Item, payit to Chirstopher Russall,	19	18	0
Item, for 2 ½ li. sugar, 6 li. resings, 6 li. fyges, 1 li. cutt tobaco, 3 dosen pypes, 22 buist confections, 1 li. 3 unse bea wax, pears and ploumes, flours; total,	62	6	0
Item, for 30 ells of ribbens,	12	12	0
Item, for 6 glasses,	1	16	0

From Michaelmas, 1653, *to Michaelmas*, 1654.

November.—Gevin to William Barclay and Robert Russall to goe to Dalkeyth to petition concerning the maintenance,	£46	0	0
For ther two horses,	6	13	4
Dec.—Gevin Thomas Stewart to fill wp wher the bombe was, 2 dayes,	0	18	0
For caring wp of the bombe,	0	4	0
1654. *Jan.*—Payit to ane post to goe to Dumfermling to seeke the knockman,	1	4	0
Feb.—Payit to the knockman,	12	0	0
Payit to two men for redding the theifes hole,	0	15	4
Mar.—Gevin, at Bailyie Baird his directioun, to Frenchmen,	2	14	0
Payit to the prisoners in towbuth and castell,	26	13	4
Gevin for straw twice to the prisoners,	1	1	4

April—Sept.—Given to the officers for going through the towne with the branket woman,	£0	12	0
Gevin, at the provest and bailyeis orders, to ane distrest man,	6	0	0
Payit, at the balyeis orders, for carting a woman,	0	12	0
For making the clouse of the Park Loch and taring of it,	1	0	0

From Michaelmas, 1654, *to Michaelmas*, 1655.

1655. *May.*—Gevin to a post that cam with letteres to the conventioun of burrowes,	£1	4	0
June.—Item, to the glassinwrycht for glassin the windowes of the schole,	8	1	8
Item, to fyve broken sea men,	1	10	0
Item, for four dailes to mak a spout to the aqueduct of the burrow-mylne,	2	8	0
Item, for seven fathom of towes for the tron broddis,	0	17	6
Item, for 23 fathom of towes to the knock,	2	17	6
Item, for nailes and mending the schole daskes,	0	9	0
Sept.—Item, gevin to tuo lame souldieris,	1	4	0
Item, to William Philp to go to Edinburgh anent the electioun, with letteres, and to Linlythgow,	2	8	0
Item, payit to Whytock to go to the provest to cum to the electioun,	0	6	0
Item, to William Luckiesoun for mending of a gutter bridge on the calsey,	0	4	0
Item, for casting of the Bridgemylne dam tuelff men four dayes at 9 s. ilk man in the day,	21	12	0
Item, to Robert Stevensoun, provest, and [two others] when they went to Glasgow about the bussines of the minister,	86	2	0
Item, payit to Robert Russall that wes deburst be him and the compter at Edinburgh and Dalkeith quhen they went commissionat to supplicat the generall anent the coall and candle,	27	19	8

From Michaelmas, 1655, *to Michaelmas*, 1656.

Oct., Nov.—Imprimis, to Robert Russall and Andro Buchannan, being commissionat from the counsell to go to Leithe and tak the excise, spent be them the said jurnay,	£53	11	4
Item, for their tua horse hyres,	6	0	0

Item, the provest, baillies, and conveneris meting with James Sterling, at Jonnet Kilbowyes, about the exsise, spent . . .	£3	18	8
Item, the first day that the baillies satt about the exsise, spent on ale and tubacco, ...	0	6	8
Mair, for a quair of paper, ...	0	6	0
Item, for maister Matthias his denner at his admissioun, in Robert Burne, baillie, his hous, ...	74	5	4
Item, to Robert Russall for baikin meitt to the denner, . .	20	4	0
Item, for Mr. Matthias dyet in Robert Burnes, . . .	21	9	10
Item, spent be Mr. Andro Barclay his Sonday that he preached, .	3	5	0
Item, payit that Sonday Mr. George Schaw preached, . .	4	0	0
Item, for horse hyres and bringing hame of Mr. Matthias wyf and their servands, being in all aucht horse hyres, ...	24	0	0
Item, payed to the said Mr. Matthias Sympsone for the tounes pairt of a yeires stipend preceiding Mertimes, 1656, . . .	429	6	8
Item, spent at his payment, ...	1	4	0
Dec.—Givin to one Geiffin to scurge a theif throw the toun, . .	8	12	0
1656. *March—September.*—Item, to William Norye for going to Linlythgow about the cumming of the judges, . . .	1	4	0
Item, spent be John Donaldsoun when he went to Edinburgh with the grit charter, ...	16	16	0
Item, spent be the provest, dean of gild, and utheris, in Jonnet Kilboweyis, that nicht the judges sould have come bot cam not, .	3	3	4
Item, to the officeris to dicht the tolbuith and prissoun housses, .	0	12	0
Item, payit for ropes to bind the Egyptianes, ...	0	2	8
Item, to the hangman to go throw with them, ...	1	10	0
Item, spent with the provest of Perthe, baillies of Linlythgow, Queinsferrie, and Culros, quhen they cam to Stirling to chuse a commissioner to parliament, the provest, baillies and deane of gild, ald and young, being with them, in Alexander Younges house, .	21	14	4
Mair, tuelf buist of confectiones, ...	7	4	0
Half a pund of tubacco, ...	1	4	0
Tua dussoun of pipes, ...	0	4	0
Item, for peires and plumes, ...	1	4	8
Mair, in Robert Johnstounes at thair way going, . . .	1	7	0
Item, the 26 of April, gevin to Patrik Myller quhen he was takin on to be executioner, in earnest, ...	0	6	8

Item, pair of schone,	£1	16	0
Mair, for a bonnet,	1	4	0
Item, payit to Thomas the merschallis man for whipping him,	0	12	0
Item, the 27 of Aprill, being Sonday, given to Patrik Myller, at Robert Burne, baillie, his directioun,	0	12	0
Item, for straw to his bed,	0	6	8
Mair, for ald brass to be him a pan,	0	6	0
Mair, for mending the key to his dore,	0	3	4
Mair, for a rasp to him,	0	6	8
Item, payit to him for scurgeing a theif,	0	12	0
and payed him weiklie 13 s. 4 d. the space of 22 weikis,	14	13	4
Item, the provest for his fieall,	10	0	0
Item, to the four baillies their fiealles,	16	0	0
To the deane of gild for his fieall,	2	0	0
Item, the clerkis fieall,	4	0	0
Item, the fiscalles fieall,	4	0	0
Item, to the compter his fieall,	4	0	0

From Michaelmas, 1683,[1] *to Michaelmas*, 1684.

CHARGE.

Imprimis, I charge myself with ane bond resting be David Millar and cautioner,	£100	0	0
Item, be John Somervaill, in Kilsyth, be agreement,	29	6	0
Item, be Normand Livingstoune of Milnehillis be his tickett,	19	16	0
Item, I charge myself with tuo long green table cloathes and the naprie conform to the inventare.			
Item, the rent of the bridgehaugh, being 60 bolls 3½ lippies meall, half bear, at £4 10 s. the boll,	270	4	0
Item, for Mosscroft and Frier yairds, 46 bolls bear,	207	0	0
Item, for the custome of the bridge for the letter fair,	66	13	4
Item, for the Borrowesyaitt,	30	0	0
Item, for the staigs,	27	6	8

[1] The accounts from 1656 to 1683 are awanting.

The Townes customes, viz.: — bridge, £800; Burrowesyaitt, £666 13 s. 4 d.; Tron, £403 6 s. 8 d.; fish shambles, £80; fishing of water of Forth, £336 13 s. 4 d.; meall mercatt, £600; shoar meall and anchoradge, £40; the impost malt, £143 6 s. 8 d.; kirk meall and stalladge, £3, ...	£3,073	0	0
Entries of burgesses:—			
Item, from Patrick Thomsone, flesher, for his entrie and gune, £11; [other nine at £11, two at £33, and three at £3 4 s. 6 d. each] .	185	13	6
Customes of the fairs and staigs, ...	220	0	0
Gune money payed to the dean of gild and conveener, . .	80	13	6
Multure malt, ...	1,508	0	1½
Few deuties of the Old Muir [13], ...	27	18	4
The New Muir [7], ...	14	11	0
Few deutie of the Park Aikeris, ...	91	14	0
Rentall of St. Laurance altar, ...	17	3	0
Ground annuellis belonging to St. James and Thomas altars, . .	10	16	6
Summa of the heall cherge, . . .	£5,979	15	11½

DISCHARGE.

Item, to the officers for bringing home the table cloathes and the chest and napprie, ...	£2	8	0
Item, to Andrew Maiklome and William Waird, with ane guaird that was with them, for watcheing on Branshogell tuo dayes and tuo nights when he broke the irons, ...	6	0	0
Item, tuelve ellis broad scarlett ribbens at 20 s. the ell when Proveist Milne and severall gentlemen wes made burgessis, . .	12	0	0
Item, nyne horse hyres to Alloway with the magistratts and dean of gild and conveener, and others of the counsell, to pay a visitt to my Lady Marr when my lord wes att Londone, . . .	5	8	0
Item, drink money the proveist gave to the nurse and servants, .	15	0	0
Item, tuo pound of cordicidron to the provest quhich he gave to my Lady Elphingston, ...	4	0	0
Item, tuo pound of cordicidron quhich he gave to my Lady Touch, .	4	0	0
Item, tuo buist of confections quhich was given to them, . .	1	0	0
Item, charges in mending the wholl tolbooth that Branshogell broke through, and repaireing the tuo laigh roomes for the guard housses, for lyme, sand, timber, naillis, and workmanschip, . .	39	10	8

Item, given to Robert Harvie for goeing tuice express to Edinburgh with ane letter to the bischope and ane other to Mr. Robert Colt,	£3	14	0
Item, spent with baillie Fergusone and baillie Burne, and severall workmen, in seeking out the chainged stons for breaking the yce,	1	0	0
Item, ane ell of silk louping for the ballance wheell of the cloack, .	0	3	0
Item, for leading a hundered load of stones to the bridge for breaking the yce, ...	4	0	0
Item, ane particular accompt of timber deallis and trees for makeing ingynes for breaking the yce at the bridge, and for makeing the boams and dressing the Borrowsyaitt, and for oak therto, .	38	8	8
Item, spent with some of the magistratts that morning the yce broke and went away with the wholl workmen, they being about 40 persones, ...	7	5	0
Item, 4½ ells ribbons for free ticketts when Sergand Bogie and his tuo corporallis wes made burgessis, ...	2	14	0
Item, to four men for watching the yce at the bridge all night, .	1	4	0
Item, spent ane other night be eight men quhich the provest sent to the bridge to watch the yce all night, ...	1	12	0
Item, to the tuo Rids for caryeing up the triangles from the Baxters Wynd to the tolbooth, ...	0	4	0
Item, for takeing the stones of the yce that wes throwen over the bridge,	1	0	0
Item, for 4 foddomis of towes that tyed the prisoneris who went to Edinburgh, ...	0	6	8
Item, for carieing up, from the bridge, the bolmes and cloges and chaingied stones that broke the yce, to the church, . .	1	0	0
Item, to 12 men for three dayes work when the borrowmilne dame broke out forgainest Livilandis, ...	14	8	0
Item, to the suasher for a proclamatioun for takeing the middings of the streett, ...	0	12	0
Item, for dighting and mending the old guaird, att Montrois buriall, .	1	0	0
Item, for carying doun furms from the church to the old guaird and carying them up to the church againe, ...	0	6	0
Item, to James Morisone for attending the magistrats att Montrois buriall, ...	0	8	0
Item, for 16 duzon of glasses on the 29 May, att the cross, and proveists fyre and the ministers, ...	19	4	0
Item, to the suasher for a proclamatioun att the cross anent the rebellis,	0	12	0

Item, to the suasher for a proclamatioun that non should goe over the touns trenches,	£0	12	0
Item, for horse for the generall randivouze in August 1684, and spent be two of the magistratts,	1	16	0
Item, for threttie six foddom of threttie threed towes to the great bell in the church,	10	16	0
Item, to Robert Garnock, smith, for dressing the militia armes belonging to the touns company,	8	0	0
Item, for the acts of parliament,	24	0	0
Item, to Elizabeth Gillies, for mentaineing and furnishing prisoners in the tolbooth,	37	0	0
Item, to the staffman for whipeing one man and tuo women throw the toune,	1	4	0
Item, four foddom towes for tyeing them and for the tawes,	0	6	8
Item, drink money to the men that went on Branshoggell and toke him when he wes out of the irons,	0	12	0
Item, to the suasher for a proclamation that noe neighbour should be found stealling or breaking ther neighbouris pease and beins,	0	12	0
Item, for dressing and mending the militia collouris,	0	6	0
Item, for nyntein ell and a quarter of broad scarlett ribbonis when the chancellour wes expected heir,	38	10	0
Item, for tuelve ell of ribbons at 24 s. the ell,	14	8	0
Item, for eight ell and a quarter at 16 s. the ell,	6	12	0
Item, for eightein ell at 6 s. the ell,	5	8	0
Item, to the suasher for ane proclamatioun att the cross anent the rebellis,	0	12	0
Item, 12 ell broad scarlett ribbons when the chancellour wes comeing west to his owen house, at 40 s. the ell,	24	0	0
Item, eight ell and a quarter at 16 s. the ell,	6	12	0
Item, eight pound of pouder to the militia company,	5	6	8
Item, spent be the conveener with the militia att Sauchenfoord,	1	12	0
Item, for mending the High Street wher the old guaird wes,	0	16	0
Item, to William Edmond for goeing with the pairtie to the Highlandis, he being six dayes travelling both night and day with them,	4	6	8
Item, to the proveist ane pound cordisidron and ane pound of confected limmens and orrange skines and tuo boost of confections,	5	0	0

Item, spent be the proveist with Mr. Coline M'Kenzie and Strowan Murray that day the laird of Ardkinles wes brought in prisoner, .	£1	3	8
Item, for the silver pryze that wes shoott for att the butts, . .	24	0	0
Item, six quarters of silver ribbons to the said pryze, . . .	1	0	0
Item, to the bedrall for goeing throw the toune anent the third fair, .	0	4	0
Item, for four whyte roads to the tuo baillyies, dean of gild, and conveener, ...	0	16	0
Item, to the dean of gild and his brethern, att the cross, 2 dussone of glasses, ...	2	8	0
Item, to the suasher for drumheads he broke the 29 May, . .	1	16	0
Item, ane whyt iron candlestick to the guaird, . . .	0	6	0
Item, to the guaird ane bowatt, ...	1	10	0
Item, to Captain Broun for furnishing armes to the militia company that wanted them, ...	6	10	0
Item, to the staffman for whipeing tuo women through the toun, .	1	4	0
Item, spent be the magistratts and my Lord Marr and severall gentlemen in Mistres Stewarts, ...	9	14	4
Item, tuo duzone of glasses att the cross when the silver pryze wes wone,	2	8	0
Item, given to one James Watt, he comeing from Edinburgh express with ane letter from Baillyie Russall to the magistratts giveing notice of the chancellours comeing, ...	2	8	0
Item, spent with the men that I imployed to serve at the chancellours treat and for takeing up the sueatt meatts to the hospitall, .	1	0	0
Item, ane horse hyre to the Highlands with Lovetennant Dalzell, .	1	17	0
Item, for tuo fyre ledders to the toune, ...	3	6	8
Item, to the suasher for a proclamatioun that noe neighbours should lodge any strangers without acquainting the commander of the guaird, ...	0	12	0
Item, ane rimb of peaper for wryteing the touns accompts since the sixtie yeir of God, and given to the quartermasteris and stent masteris, ...	6	13	4
Item, ane pound of cordicydron and ane pound of orange skines to give my Lady Bannockburn and other gentlewomen in company with her, ...	4	0	0
Item, to the proveist six buist of confections and half ane pound cordicydron to give my Lord Marris bairns when he went to Alloway, ...	4	0	0

Item, for eight pound weight of bees wax, at sixtein shilling the pound, for the whole yeirs burges tickets,	£6	8	0
Item, for sixtein pound of rosett,	2	13	4

DISCHARGE in respect not gotten in—

[The thrie sums of £100, £29 6 s., and £19 16 s., mentioned in charge]	149	2	0
Item, the annuellis of Rude altar not gotten in,	5	3	4
Item, for St. Marrockis chapell and yard att the bridge,	2	0	0
Summa for the heall discharge,	£7,202	17	4[1]
Balance due to treasurer,	£1,223	1	4½

From Michaelmas, 1685, *to Michaelmas*, 1686.

Oct.—Imprimis, given to the toune of Linlithgow for the sett of measures,	£26	13	4
14th. Item, to the officers for proclaimeing the Kings birthday,	2	8	0
Item, tuell load of coals for the bonefyres,	3	12	0
Item, for ane tarr barrell to the fyre,	0	12	0
Item, to the drummer and pyper that day,	6	0	0
To Walter Dick for ringing the bells,	1	4	0
For 10 dusson of beer glasses that day,	10	0	0
To baillie Miller for wyne that day,	21	8	0
To bailie Keir for small whyte wyne,	6	16	0
Tuo dussone of pypes, 2 s. 8 d.; item, eight four unces shugar, 24 s.,	1	6	8
Item 5½ unces tobacco,	0	9	2
Item, to the men that served at the cross,	1	0	0
To the officers and toune guaird,	3	12	0
24.—Item to the officers and staffman for scourgeing a woman,	1	4	0
Nov. 27.—Item, to give the bishope of Dunblane ane pund and ane half of cordisideron,	2	5	0
Dec. 29.—Item, given to the chancellors bairnes 4 pund cordisideron, one pund raisines, and one pund fygs,	6	14	0
Item, to John Patersone for finding the thean,	0	4	0
1686, *Feb.* 27.—Item, for taiking doune the thean, mending, penting and putting up the same,	12	0	0
April 5.—To the Dutches of Hamiltoun 5 pund cordisideron,	7	10	0

[1] Summation of account in original, but selections only from the discharge are printed.

10.—To Batcheltoune and his ladye, 2 pund cordisideron,	£3	0	0
May 23.—To ane post that the proveist sent from Edinburgh anent the doytis,	2	8	0
29.—To the beddall for ringing the bells,	1	4	0
Item, 24 loads of coalls to the bonefyres,	7	4	0
To the souldiers that day,	5	16	0
To the men that served at the cross that day,	1	0	0
For ane tarr barrell to the fyre,	0	12	0
For eight dussone of beer glasses that day,	8	0	0
June 14.—To ane post that came from Edinburgh for the provests horse,	2	8	0
To Robert Forrester for bringing home the provests cloathes,	1	0	0
30.—Item, to the provest and dean of gild to goe sie my lord Mar,	8	15	0
Item, to four men for convoying ane distracted man out of toune,	0	14	0
For ane fathome of towes to tye him,	0	1	0
July 16.—To the provest to give my Ladye Argyle 2 pund of cordisideron,	3	0	0
20.—To ballie Miller and my expences waiting 2 dayes on the general,	4	10	0
24.—To the clerk to send for ane dispensatione,	0	14	0
Aug. 26.—For 4½ ells ribbans, £5 8 s.; for the silver bow, £24; for fyve quarters of ribbans to it, £1 10 s.,	30	18	0
Sept. 18.—Item, to John Rid to goe to St. Ninians and notice quhen the chancellor took horse,	0	4	0
To ane post that came anent delaying the electione,	0	14	0
Nov. 27.—To the carier for bringing home the box with the fitt mantle,	0	14	0

From Michaelmas, 1686, *to Michaelmas*, 1687.

Oct. 14.—Item, 12 dusson of glasses at 20 s. per dusson,	£12	0	0
Item, 5 unces of tobacco and 2 dusson of pyps,	0	11	0
Item, for ringing the bells that day,	2	10	8
Nov. 6.—Item, 10 ells small ribbanes,	3	0	0
Item, four pound cordisideron,	6	0	0
Item, 3 pund of orange pill,	5	8	0
Item, 6 pund of carvie and 4 pund of confected almonds,	9	0	0
Item, 2 wyne glasses broken that day,	0	8	0
28.—Item, for 3 horssis to Doune with meall for captain M'Kenzies companie,	1	4	0
Dec. 4.—Item, to Robert Steel for mending the school, and a quarter hunder skleatis,	1	15	0

1687, *Jan.* 10.—Item, spent by the provest, conveener, treasurer, and clerk, goeing to Dunblane to sie the generall,	£8	8	0
Item, for 34 pynts wyne spent at the communione,	34	0	0
Item, to Christopher Russall for bread,	14	0	0
Item, for other contingent charges,	1	10	0
19.—Item, spent with the generall 3 chopines seck,	1	16	0
Feb. 28.—Item, for 4 horse with Captain Midletounes company to Glasgow,	5	6	8
Mar. 10.—Item, for 4 horses with Leivetenant Sharps companie to Linlithgow,	4	16	0
Item, tuo horses with Captain Midletoune to Leeth with baggadge,	4	8	0
April 21.—Item, to the chancellour 2 pyntis seck, j pynt wyne, 4 box confections, 2 pynts ale,	6	12	0
June 4.—Item, payed to John M'Kenzie for letteres that came from Holand,	1	11	0
Item, payed for caryeing the provests trunk to Edinburgh and back againe,	1	12	0
July 25.—Item, spent by the provest quhen he went to speik to the generall anent the townes affaeris and Dougald Stewart,	8	12	0
Aug. 2.—Item, tuo fathome of towes to the prissoners,	0	2	8
Item, for 3 horsses that went to Doune with the partie that went with the general,	1	4	0
Item, for ane horse to Falkirk with ane prisoner,	0	12	0
22.—Item, ane pund of sheugar tablets and ane pund reasines,	3	8	0
Item, to one that went to James Robertsone with a lettere for Inveraray,	0	6	0
Sept. 17.—Item, payed to the post that came to stope the electione,	1	8	0
Item, to violers and pypers at the conveeners denner,	1	15	0
25.—Item, for ane silver goblet to the archers,	24	2	4
Item, to ane post that came from the chancellour with a lettere,	0	14	0
Item, for taking back the ansuere of it,	0	14	0
Item, to James Stirling for glaseing the school,	19	4	0

From Michaelmas, 1687, *to Michaelmas*, 1688.

Imprimis, payed be me [David Moir] to John Moir, lait thresaurer, quhich he had depursed from Mihilmes 1687 to the first of November in the said yeare, at quhich tyme I was chosen thresaurer, as also for ribens for burges tickets furnished be him to me,	£247	17	6

Item, to the officers for convoyeing the childer that stoll the money out of Adam Jackes,	£0	12	0
Item, given to the proveist to go to Mr. Smith to mynd the electioune, 2 guinies,	26	8	0
Item, to the post for bringing hom the warrand anent the electioune,	0	14	0
Item, to John Murray for the childers mentenence that steld the money out of Adam Jackis,	0	12	0
Item, to the post being keiped anight for geting an order for transporting John Young to Edinburgh,	0	14	0
Item, for 7 fodom small towes for tayeing of him and his consorts,	0	7	0
Item, to the officers and drummer for a proclamatione anent pennie weddings,	1	4	0
Item, to ane shoulder who brought ane letter to the provest from Colline Fairfull anent Dugall Stewart,	0	16	0
Item, to ane lad for goeing to Inderern with the generallis order for apprehending Dugall Stewart,	3	7	0
Item, to my ladey Monteath, captain Stewartis laday, and her childrine, ane pound cordisiderone, ane pound oring peill, and ane pound rugh allmons,	3	14	0
Item, to 12 fodome towes to tay M'Kerter and uther fyve that went out of this to Dunblaine,	0	12	0
Item, to towes to the streking pace of the clock,	7	0	0
Item, to the carier that brought them from Glasgow,	0	8	0
Item, for the upputing of them,	0	7	0
Item, to the partie that apprehended Dugall Stewart and brought him heir,	17	8	0
Item, drunken with the said partie,	2	1	0
Item, to the officers and drumers for a proclamatione calling hom all his Majesties subjects out of the Netherlands,	1	4	0
Item, to ane lead of collls and ½ pound cannell to the guaird when the generallis corpes was heir,	0	8	8
Item, to 17 horse thet went to Glasgow with the four compenayes bagadge,	23	16	0
Item, to ane distressed captan called Monro,	2	18	0
Item, to the stafman for scurging of four cut purses,	2	8	0
Item, payed to the laird of Boquane the principall soume of	1,333	6	8
Item, for the comunione bread,	12	0	0

Item, to the baxters at the beking and pering of it, 4 pyntis wyne and 4 pyntis alle,	£4	8	0
Item, to 4 quartes wyn and ane quart aill the first day of the comunione,	8	4	0
Item, to 6 quarts wyne and a quart aill the second day,	12	4	0
Item, to the officers and hangman for the convoyeing tua boies that stelld silver spunes,	1	4	0
Item, to the officers and drumers for a proclamatione prohibiting the transporting of oisters,	1	4	0
Item, for wassing tuo tabell clothes to the comunione,	1	0	0
Item, for three horss hyers to Edinburgh with the proveist and his assaser,	7	4	0
Item, for the proveists man that waited on him ther a fortnight,	4	4	0
Item, to the officers and drumer for a proclamatione for not importing or selling anie pamfalets,	1	4	0
Item to 37 horss to Killmahugh that went with bagadge that was goeing to the Heillands,	29	12	0
Item, to the officers and drumer for a proclamatioun to apprehend the rebellis in Lochaber,	1	4	0
Item, for 13 load of colles and ane tarre barrell on the 29 May,	4	10	0
Item, to them that rang the toune and kirk bellis,	2	10	8
Item, that night the chanceller cam throw and told the magistrates of the Prince of Waills birth, 2 pyntis seck,	3	12	0
Item, on the 29 May, be the magistratis and counsell with captan Steuart, enshing, and utheris, spent at the bonfyre and therefter in his oune and David Moirs hous in seck, wyn, tobaco, aill, and pypes,	34	8	0
Item, spent at the solemnatie of the Prince of Wells for wyn, seck, aill, tobaco, and pypes,	42	8	0
Item, spent be the magistrates making the provest of Couper burges, my lord Becarres being present, 2 pyntis wyne, fyve mutchings seck, and ane pynt alle,	4	7	0
Item, at the making of Serjant Innes burges 2 pynts wyne,	2	0	0
Item, at the making Serjant Burgone burges, Mideltoune and Dezell being present,	3	8	0
Item, spent at the making of my lord Kenneday and his court burges,	10	15	0
Item, to ane tarre barrell and 6 load of colles that night the notice came of the Prince of Wailles birth,	2	8	0

Item, to them that rung the toun and kirk bells, . . .	£2	10	0
Item, to the Reides for puting on the bonfayer, . . .	0	12	0
Item, to ane tarre barrell and 12 load of colles to the bonfayer for solomnizies the Prince of Wailles birthday, . . .	4	12	0
Item, spent be the magistratis at making the proveist of Glasgow and one of the baillies burges, ...	9	4	0
Item, to the officers and drumer for a proclamatioun anent the ressing of the militia, ...	1	4	0
Item, to officer and drummer for a proclamatione anent his Majesties granting ane indemnatie, ...	1	4	0
Item, at the making of Glorat burges, ane pynt wyne, . .	1	0	0
Item, payed for ane roum to put the touns misures in, . .	8	0	0

From Michaelmas, 1688, *to Michaelmas*, 1689.

1688. *Oct.* 14.—Item, to the expenssis of the Kings birth day be the proveist and counsell with severall gentellmen of the contrie 15 pyntis wyne and fyve schopines seck, ...	£19	10	0
Item, to the officers that day, 48 s.; to them half ane gallone alle, 8 s.; to the drummer and pyper, 58 s.; to the bellman for ringing the bellis, 24 s.; to Alexander Starat for ringing the comone bell, 26 s. 8 d.; to 12 load colles to the bonfyer, £4; to ane tarre barrell, 16 s.; to the Reids for puting on the fyer, 12 s.; to them that served at the Cross, 28 s.	15	0	8
Item, spent be the proveist and magistratis with my lord Stormond and his court, in a rekning, ...	3	14	0
Item, to the drummer for warneing the touns men to be in armes, .	0	12	0
Item, for bringing of the halbertis and musketis from the castell to the touns men that wanted armis, ...	0	14	0
Item, for bringing amunitione from the castell to the toune, . .	0	6	0
Item, to ane post that cam to this from Kilsyth anent the papists burning of Kilcoubrie, ...	0	14	0
Oct. 17.—Item, spent be the magistratis with my lord Mar, lovetenent collonell Mideltoun and the Polmeses, ...	4	0	0
Oct. 19.—Item to Androw Liddell for goeing to Glasgow to know the sertentie anent Kilcoubrie, ...	1	16	0
Item, to Robert Shaw for bringing from Edinburgh three malishie musketis that was left ther, ...	0	8	0

Item, be the provest with sum gentellmen of the shyre when they cam out of the tolbuith a pynt seck, ...	£1	16	0
Oct. 24.—Item, that was sent to Sauchenfoird when the provest went ther to meitt my lord Callender and the commissioneris, of mallishie 2 pyntis seck, a pynt brandie, with ane boottell that was broken,	5	14	0
Item, to the drumer and officers for a proclamatione calleing out the heretors, ...	1	4	0
Nov. 13.—Item, be the proveist with my lord Atholl and his court with sum foott officers, ...	6	14	0
Item, to the messenger, drumer, and officers, for a proclamatione requyring all betuixt sixtie and sixtin to be in redines againe the tyme required, ...	1	16	0
Dec. 10.—Item, be the provest with the chancellore and his court, ane pynt seck, ...	1	16	0
16.—Item, be the provest with my lord Mare and the baillies 6¼ pynt wyne and ane pynt seck, ...	8	1	0
1689. *Jan.* 12.—Item, to the den of gild and conviner and uthers, when the yce brak, a chopine seck, ...	0	18	0
Feb. 22.—Item, to the provest, with the chancellors childrine, a schopine seck, ...	0	18	0
April 16.—Item, at the cross, when King William and Queine Marie was proclaimed, and at the bonfyrs, 15 pynts wyne, . .	15	0	0
Item, to 6 duzone of beire glases, ...	7	4	0
Item, to twelve load of colles and ane tarre barrell, . . .	4	12	0
Item, to the drumer and officers for the proclamatione and going throw the toune with the magistratis, ...	2	8	0
Item, to Alexander Starrat for ringing the bells, . . .	1	6	8
Item, for ringing of the church bellis, ...	1	4	0
May 3.—Item, spent be the provest with my lord Mare and his court, with the officers in the toune, ...	10	4	0
Item, to ane post that cam frae Edinburgh with ane lyne from the provest to the rest of the magistratis to apprehend Dundie, .	2	8	0
Item, for careing ane lyne from the baillies to Edinburgh to the proveist shewing how kynd they wer to Glasgow peipill notwithstanding of their misrepresenting of them, ...	1	16	0
Item, given to the birrliemen when they wer goeing the marches, a gallone alle, ...	0	16	0

Item, to baillie M'Knaire his expenssis in goeing to Edinburgh to acquaint the provest that the clous and trinches aught to be repaired, with his hors hyer, ...	£14	0	0
Item, to the drumer and officers and messinger for a proclamatioun anent the choising the magistratis be polle, . . .	1	16	0
Item, to them for a proclamatione for the delyvering of us from poprie,	1	4	0
15.—Item, for the proveist horss hyers when he ged to the conventioune the 3 tyme, ...	4	16	0
Item, to the carier for teking in of his trunkes, . . .	1	4	0
19.—Item, spent be the provest with my lord Mare and his court with sum of the officers in toune, ...	4	14	0
28.—Item, spent be the magistratis with my lord Colchester and uther officers, 2 pyntis seck and 3 schopines wyne, . . .	5	2	0
30.—Item, for coall and candell three night to the English troupers in Burgans hous, ...	0	14	0
Item for a proclamatione apoynting the officers of his Majesties forces repaire to their severall comands, ...	1	4	0
Item, to ane salmond sent to Edinburgh to the proveist, . .	1	4	0
June 1.—Item spent in the hospitall be the provest and the commissioners that wer heir apoynted to sie the poll election, . .	1	12	0
4.—Item, be the provest with my lord Eglintoune and utheris, a quart wyne and a quart seck, ...	5	12	0
13.—Item, be him with my lord Kenmure and his officers 4 pyntis wyne and 2 pyntis seck, ...	7	12	0
14.—Item, to him with the said lord and the shirray of Galloway a quart wyne and a schopine seck, ...	2	18	0
Item, spent be baillie M'Knaire and baillie Moir when livtenant collonell Fergusson took den of gild Dick and putt him in the gaird, ...	2	7	4
August 12.—Item, to John M'Kessone and James Andersone for six bagadge horss to Clackmanen with my lord Arell his bagadge, ...	3	0	0
Item, payed to William Loarne and John Stivensone for their horses that was prest to Linlithgow with the dragouns, . . .	2	8	0
Sept. 20.—Item, be the proveist with my lord Callender and Pat Grahame and counsell when my lord cam to administrat the oath of aledgeance, ...	5	10	0

21.—Item, to the proveist to give my lord Mar, the chancelors childrine, and uthers, 3 pound oringe peill, 3 pound of cordisidrone, and four ½ pounds rugh allmons,	£13	10	0
Item, to Mr. Monroe for his kyne and small teinds,	93	6	8
Item, to Alexander Starat his years sellerie for keiping the clook,	36	6	8
Item, to James Watsone, in abay, for his coble and paines goeing to Allway with the proveist and uthers,	6	13	4
Item, to the man that went alongs out of the abay 14 s. and four pyntis aill,	1	2	0
Item, for six proclamatiounes, one for thos that refused to serve in the milicia, ane uther for calleing out of the heretors, ane uther for publishing the Kings letter, ane uther for not to spred fals newes, ane uther for surpressing of tumults, and the uther for trevellers to have ane pass,	7	4	0

From Michaelmas, 1689, *to Michaelmas*, 1690.

Oct.—Imprimis, to the drumer for ane proclamatioune anent the bischope rentis,	£0	12	0
Item, for seck quhen Colchesters regiment of horss went from Sterling,	32	0	0
Item, to the drumer for a proclamatioune discharging the neibours to sell drink efter taptow,	0	12	0
Item, to the stafemane for executing ane shoulder,	4	0	0
Item, to the wrights for making of the gibbet,	4	0	0
Item, for making garrow nailles and cleikes to it,	3	12	0
Item, to ane measone for setting off the gibbet,	0	14	0
Item, for careing upe and doune the kirk lethers,	0	8	0
Item, for towes, small cordes, and tweine,	0	10	0
Item, to the drumer for goeing throw the toune anent Blantyers regimentis debt,	0	12	0
Item, to the foster of the found bairne,	2	0	0
Item, for bread and drink when the child was baptized,	0	12	0
Item, for three tarre barrellis to the bonfyers on the Kings birthday,	1	16	0
Item, to the Reids for on putting of them, being six fyres,	2	6	0
Item, to the knokman for ringing of the bellis,	2	13	4
Item, to the ringing of the church bellis,	2	8	0
Nov.—Item, spent at the making collenell Ramsay, levetenent collenell Grahame, and major Simerall, burgesses,	8	5	0

Item, to the drumer and officers for a proclamatioune anent the Heilanders,	£1	4	0
Item, for tuo horss goeing to Edinburgh with Sir Charles Grahames ladie,	6	0	0
Item, spent be the magistratis at the making generall M'Kaie burges, and his court,	28	0	0
Item, for confections, cordisiderone, and limon skines to the treat,	14	0	0
Item, for carvies, clow, and almonds,	5	0	0
1690. *March-August.*—Item, spent be the magistratis with Sir Charles Grahame when he went to the Heilandis,	1	8	0
Item, to the drumer for goeing throw the toune anent Makaies regimentis accompts,	0	12	0
Item, for horses to Makaies regiment when they went for Pearth, being nyn, and three quhich I pressed,	21	12	0
Item, to the officers for burreing of ane uther dead man that was found in the water,	1	10	0
Item, to James Dick for goeing to Edinburgh and uther places to sie weind myles,	12	0	0
Item, to Duncan Staker for goeing to Edinburgh with letters anent major Monroes abusing the proveists,	3	10	0
Item, fyve horss to Dumblaine with Glenkairnes men,	1	16	0
Item, four bagadge horss to Bonockburn with the uther half of the regiment,	0	12	0
Item, for ringing of the bellis for King Williams victorie in Irland,	2	10	8
Item, to fyve duzone of glases,	6	6	0
Item, to wyne to the cross,	26	0	0
Item, to the Reids for putting on the bonfyers,	0	8	0
Item, to alle to them that served at the cross,	0	10	0
Item, to ane tarre barrell,	0	12	0
Item, to Richard Chambers, for goeing to Edinburgh with his horss, express,	4	0	0
Item, four bagadge horss that went to Cardross with Kenmuirs regement,	6	0	0
Item, 3 bagadge horss to Linlithgow to general M'Kae,	2	18	0
Item, to John Staker for goeing to Edinburgh anent the Heiland prissoners that was takin at Monteith,	2	8	0
Item, to four horss with bagadge to Drumond Castell with tuo compenayes of Glenkerns men,	3	12	0

Item, ane silver tumller to be given to Sir Charles Grahame, . .	£31	5	0
Item, for three expresses, one to Dumblane and tuo to Allway to the forces, ...	1	4	0
Item, three proclamatiounes for the assurance to King William, .	2	8	0
Sept. 13.—Item, spent at the solemnatie of the newes of the Kings return to Ingland be the magistrates at the cross:—three duzon wyne glases, seck, puting on bonfyer, tarre barrell, ringing bells, &c.,	32	2	8
Item, spent be the magistratis with my lord Argyle in Baillie Johnstones,	17	10	0
Item, tuo proclamatiounes, one for the depradatiounes of the Heilands and the uther for ane thanksgiving the first Sunday October, to drumer and officers, ...	2	8	0
Item, for straw to the prissoners, ...	0	14	0

From Michaelmas, 1690, *to Michaelmas*, 1691.

Item, spent in ballie Johnstones, be the provest, ballies, dean of gild, and conveiner, and severall uthers of the counsell, with collonell James Leslie and the captains of his regiment and uther gentillmen with them, when the collonell and his captains were made burgesses,	£19	11	0
Item, for tuenty elnes and ane half elne broad scarlit ribones for the burgess tickittis to the colonel himself, the major, ten captains, and the collenells servant, ...	24	12	0
Oct. 13.—Item, to the toun officers for dighting and making cleane the laighe prisone house quher the Higheland prisoners lyes, . .	0	14	0
31.—To Christopher Russall, wright, and eight warkemen with him att taking downe of the great bell in the kirk and putting hir up again and mending hir wheile and the wheiles of the uther tuo belles and hinging the tongue of the bell, . . .	13	12	0
Nov. 4.—Item, that the provest gave blind Jock, . . .	0	10	0
Dec. 24.—Item, to the toun officers quhen a proclamatioune published att the crosse anent the provyding of a magazine of corne and strae in the castell of Stirling for their majesties forces, . .	0	12	0
Item, to the officers for putting a young vagabond chyld outt of toune that was taken with a stolen pan and had stollen some flesh, .	0	12	0
Item, payed for bread and drink to the said child a night in prison, .	0	2	0
1691. *Jan.* 9.—Item, to the town officers, by the magistratis order, for putting ane vagabond woman out of the toune that wes following the souldiers, ...	0	12	0

Item, to the toun officers quhen a proclamatioune wes published at the crosse anent the regimentis and companies that wes to march to Inderlochie,	£0	12	0
March 3.—Item, payed for a lock to the thumikins,	0	4	0
Item, spent be the provest and utheris of the magistratis when the laird of Garturd and uther gentillmen were made prisoners therein, a quart of seck,	4	0	0
April.—Item, to the staffman for executting one of the runaway soldiers of the Earle of Ardgyles regiment,	4	0	0
Item, for careying of the ledders to the gibit and back againe,	0	12	0
July 22.—Item, spent be the provest, baillies, and counsell, with the Earle of Ardgyle and his officeris and Captain Bennet and uther gentillmen, at ane solemnatie att the crosse, upon the newes of their Majesties victorie in Irland, 15 pyntes wyne,	21	0	0
Item, eleven dussone of beire glesses brocken,	11	0	0
Item, for a tarre barrell at the bonfyre,	0	12	0
Item, for ringing the kirk and tolbuith bellis,	2	10	8
Item, to a man expresse to Edinburgh to Mr. Monro to come home to preach,	2	2	0
August 14.—Item given to a Jerman protestant minister that wes banished his countrie,	11	12	0
29.—Item to tuo other outted ministers,	5	16	0
Sept. 1.—Item, to partie of souldiers of the castell for transporting of Mareon Burne, spouse to Robert Wauch in Quarrell, prisoner heir, to Edinburgh who had false coyne upon her,	2	0	0

From Michaelmas, 1691, *to Michaelmas*, 1692.

Oct. 2.—Item, spent with Ensigne Broun (who wes going for Edinburgh), in Ballie Moirs house, quher he did take ane lettre from the provest to the burowes agent anent ane manufactorie of linnine cloth that wes setting up at Aberdeen,	£0	18	0
6.—Item, six sheete of gild paper to the provest,	0	3	0
15.—Item, for mending of the tolbuithe steiple which wes tirred by the wind,	22	7	8
21.—Item, given to Mr. Burnet for his preaching in the kirk,	29	0	0
Item, spent with Mr. Burnet quhen they gave him the money, a chopine whyte wyne,	0	14	0

Nov. 4.—Item, spent be the proveist, baillies, and counsall, with the officers of the earle of Ardgylles regiment, and severall uther gentillmen, at the solemnatie att the crosse, being the Kings birthday, ten pynts of wyne, ...	£14	0	0
Item, ten dussone of beire glasses brocken at the crosse, . .	10	0	0
Item, more spent thereafter by the provest, baillies, and councill, with the said officers and uther gentillmen, seventeen pynts of wyne, ...	23	16	0
Item, drink money to the drumers of Ardgyles regiment, . .	5	12	0
Item, for building the bonfyres the 4th and 5th of November, .	1	4	0
Item, for tarre barrells to the bonfyres, ...	1	4	0
Item, to Duncan Stalker for pleying with his pypes, . . .	0	14	0
Nov. 13.—Item, at publishing of a proclamatioune att the crosse for a thanksgiving for his Majesties returne to Ingland, . .	0	12	0
28.—Item, spent be the provest with Major Dunkisone and Captain Areskine quhen the centrie box was borrowed from the castell to sett at the cannon at the maine gaird, ...	2	2	0
1692. *Feb.* 5.—Item, to Walter Richardson, messer, for publishing a proclamatioune att the crosse anent the leaveing of seamen, 12 s., and to the toun officers 12 s., and spent be me att the abay att taking up of the list of the seamen, 12 s.	1	16	0
Feb.—Item, of expenses to workmen in attending the bridge severall dayes and severall nightis in brecking of the ice the tyme of the greatt storme, ...	17	3	0
April 5.—Item, spent be the magestrattis with the earle of Ardgyle and severall uther gentillmen att the crosse when he marched his regiment outt of toune, tuo pynts of seck, . . .	4	0	0
7.—Item, to the toun officers for dighting the counsall house and uther prisone housses in the tolebuthe after the prisoners of Ardgyles regiament went away 14 s. and a quart aile, . .	0	18	0
30.—Item, for eight loades of coalles for a bonefyre att the crosse att the solemnatie of the Queines birth day, ...	2	16	0
Item, for ten pynts of wyne att the solemnatie of the crosse, . .	14	0	0
Item, seven dusson of beire glasses, ...	7	0	0
May 5.—Item, to the toun officers quhen a proclamatioune was published att the crosse for a solemne fast for ther Majesties preservatioune and successe, ...	0	12	0

May 6.—Item, to the executioner for burning and scurdging of a vagabound named Mary Campbell, ...	£0	18	0
14.—Item for oyle to the irones in the theives holl quhen the Liddells wes put there, ...	0	2	0
27.—Item, spent be the magistrattis and counsall and severall gentillmen with them att the crosse upon the newes of their Majesties victorie at sea, eight pynts wine, . . .	11	4	0
June.—Item, to the staffman for executing of Androw Liddell, and for his denner, ...	5	3	0
Sept. 9.—Item, to James Finlaysone, procuratour fiscall, for going to the abay court anent the fishers ther on the tounes foords with pock netts and stopping the same, ...	2	18	0
From Michaelmas, 1692, *to Michaelmas,* 1693.			
Dec. 23.—Item, given by order of the magistratis to the guairds that were in and about the tolbooth when Collonell Hillis prisoners was put therin, the designe of the guaird being alse weill to secure the prisoners from escapeing as the toune from prejudice, and spent by the saids guairds, per particular accompt, . .	£11	15	0
Item, for necessaris for mending the tolbooth broken by the saids Collonell Hillis prisoneris, besydes deallis, trees, smith work, wright, and glazier, ...	15	15	8
1693. *March* 21.—Item, spent in baillie Keiris with the toune clark, young Logie and otheris, when they were seeking out the tounes right anent the fishing of the water of Forth, . . .	1	8	0
April 14.—Item, to the officeris for a proclamatioune anent deserteris,	0	12	0
June 5.—Item, to Androw Watsone, Scots dominie, ane yearis sellarie,	66	13	4
Sept. 8.—Item, to ane distressed gentleman that was going to Ireland,	12	0	0
Item, for baggage horses depursed from Michallmas, 1692, to Michallmas, 1693, to Perth, Dunfermline, Linlithgow and Killsyth and other places, ...	156	7	6
Item, spent be the magistratis at the makeing of severall noblemen, officers, and gentlemen, burgesses, according to the particular accompts, ...	189	18	10
From Michaelmas, 1693, *to Michaelmas,* 1694.			
Oct. 22.—Item, for a pair of shoes to Duncan Stalker, officer, who went throw with the news letteres, ...	£2	8	0

Oct. 28.—Item, to the toun officers for a proclamatione discharging corne to France, ...	£0	12	0
Nov. 16.—Item, the expenssis of the treatt given be the magistrats and councell in the hospitall when Mr. Robert Rule was installed minister, ...	69	19	10
Item, to the wrights and bellmen for righting and amending the bells and new towes putting to them, ...	1	16	0
Dec. 8.—To the toun officers for a proclamatione adjourneing the generall assemblie, ...	0	12	0
Item, to the officers when the clerk looked over the touns chartors, .	0	12	0
1694. *Jan.*—Item, given to the toun officers for warning baggage horses to ane battallione of Sir James Leslies regiment as they went to Linlithgow, ...	0	8	0
Feb. 8.—Item, to the officers for a proclamatione anent the travelling to Ireland, ...	0	12	0
March 2.—Item, to the officers for a proclamatione anent the peace of the Hielands, ...	0	12	0
26.—Item, given to James Finlaysone when he went about to try and caus summond the killers of red fish, ...	11	12	0
July 10.—Item, to the officers for a proclamatione to roape the hearth money, ...	0	12	0

From Michaelmas, 1697,[1] *to Michaelmas*, 1698.

Oct. 13.—Item, for the drum going throw the toune discharging middings on the streits, ...	£0	12	7
Item, for the skellat bell going throw if any had complaints against the officers, ...	0	6	0
22.—Item, to Alexander Drapper for making a grave to a poor lass who died in the tolbooth, ...	0	6	0
Item, to the staffman for scourging Elspeth McLauchlane and Jonet Robertsone, ...	1	4	0
Item, to the officers going throw and guarding them, . . .	0	12	0
Nov. 2.—Item, to a man and a horse for taking luckie Rugh out of the toun on a slade, ...	0	8	0

[1] The accounts from Michaelmas 1693 to Michaelmas 1697 are awanting.

Nov. 12.—Item, at a treat given be the magistrats to the earle of Mar and the rest of the lords of justiciarie, their clerk and uthers, in Mr. John Martins, besyds the liquor spent ther, for a pund and a half of cordicidrone, ...	£4	10	0
Item, for tuentie pund of candle to the justiciarie court for fyve nights tyme, ...	4	0	0
Item, for coalls and a pund of candle to Wauchs wifes lykwak, .	0	8	0
Item, to the officers for the proclamatione or thanksgiving for the peace, ...	0	12	0
Dec. 8.—Item, to John Robertsone, officer, sent express to Edinburgh upon horse, as the sojors of Douglas regiment mutinied quhen they wer to be disbanded heir, ...	3	0	0
Item, to John Reid sent also express to Edinburgh upon horse anent that mutinie and staying ther sometyme and for his oun and the horse meat, ...	5	0	0
Item, to John Robertsone, officer, sent therafter expres to Edinburgh upon horse about thes sojoris, ...	3	0	0
Item, to James Risk, sent express first to Kilsyth and therafter to Cumbernad, to seik after and trye for some of the cheiff mutineirs, be the officers ordor, ...	3	0	0
Item, for a quare of paper and a stick of wax to be billets to the Kings guards of foot and to the dragouns who come heir to disband Douglas regiment and end the mutiny, ...	0	14	0
Item, to the toun cariers for taking up the arms of that regiment to the castle, ...	2	18	0
Item, to John Hamiltone for a bank throw the toune advertiseing the neighbours to give in the compts resting them be Douglas regiment and the guards of foot, ...	0	12	0
Item, to the sojors who wer prisoners for the mutinie, . .	3	0	0
1698. *Jan.* 6.—Item, to John Stalker for seiking after Duncan Smith and uther prisoners who broke the tolbuith in the backsyd throw the wall, ...	3	0	0
Feb. 28.—Item, to the drummer and toun officers for a proclamatione against profanitie, ...	1	4	0
Item, to the officers for standing at the cross tuo hours till Margaret Graham, ane adultress, was cowed in the head and convoying hir out of toun with the staffman, ...	2	8	0

Item, to the staffman for coweing hir and convoying hir out of toune,	£1	4	0
Item, for a new lock and a key to the charter hous to putt in the tron brods and weights, ...	0	14	0
Item, for four pund lead to run in the crooks of the guard hous door,	0	12	0
March 25.—Item, to the drummer and officers for a proclamation against sturdie beggars and vagabunds, ...	1	4	0
April 6.—Item, payd to the drummer for a bank against fishing of smolts and for hirding bestiall, ...	0	12	0
Item, for tuell pund weight of iron and fyve pund of lead to batt it in, being a stencher over the hole at the bridge milne quher theivs went in besyd the axill trie, ...	1	19	0
24.—Item, in the provests hous as the marchiones of Montrose had a treatt ther and hir son, with uthers, tuo pund of cordicidron, .	5	13	4
Item, tuo pund orange peill £4 16s. and ane uther pund cordicidron, .	7	9	4
Item, tuo pund rugh almonds and a pund of rasines, . . .	1	8	0
May 26.—Item, to the officers and staffman scourging a dragouns wife who stole Charles Chrysties bear, ...	1	4	0
June 1.—Item, to the officers and staffman standing on a theiff at the trone who stealled sheip at the Torwood, . . .	1	4	0
Item, for tuell pynts wyne spent be the magistrats with commissar Smallot and uthers, making them burgesses, . . .	15	12	0
Item, given to Thomas Norie, procurator fiscal, to go to the Troutholl and ther tak instruments before the shiriff at a court upon the touns right, and for his oun pains, ...	1	9	0
18.—Item, payd to Mr. Thomas Darline, schoolmaster, for his transportation to this place, ...	60	0	0
Item, payd for transporting a pairt of Mr. John Forrester, minister, his plenishing to this place, ...	18	0	0
Item, to Mr. Alexander Ritchie, one somequhat crackbraind, be the provosts ordor, ...	0	14	6
Item, for ten ells and a half broad scarlet ribbands to the seavine birth breiffs given be the toune to Robert Russall, [and six others], all designed to go alongs with the African companie, . .	12	12	0
Item, for 1½ pund of wax and a pund of roseat therto, . .	1	10	0
July 6.—Item, given to the earle of Tullibardine and his ladie, as they were going throw the toune, a pund of cordicidron, a pund of orange peall, tuo pund of rasins, and a pund rugh almonds, .	7	9	4

Item to the officers for putting Jonet Thomsone, Robert Steills relict, out of the toune for stealling Mrs. Shorts silver spoons, . .	£0	12	0
Item, 4½ ells broad scarlet ribbands for birth breiffs given be the toune to Charles Young, [and 4 others], goeing away from this with the Affrican companie, ...	5	8	0
Sept.—Item, to a poor stranger travelling from Virginia, . .	0	7	0
Item, to the officers for standing at the troan with thrie purse cutters and for convoying them throw the toun as they wer scourged, .	0	18	0
Item, to the staffman for standing at the troan with them thrie and thereafter scourging them, ...	2	2	0
Item, to John Allane, merchand, for ane silver box sett out be the toune as a pryze to be shoot for at the butts by archers, and ingraving the touns arms thereon, ...	24	0	0

From Michaelmas, 1698, *to Michaelmas*, 1699.

Oct.—Item, for a bank advertising gentlemen and uthers to shoot at the butts with arrows for the towns pryze, being a silver box, .	£0	12	0
Nov. 18.—Item, for tuo dusson glasses at the cross as Kincavell won the silver box, ...	2	0	0
4 and 5.—Item, for tuentie four load of coalls, tuo tarr barrells and tuo butter barrels, for the touns boan fyres at the solemnitie dayes,	10	0	0
29.—Item, for ane lanterne to the officers for visiting the prisone houssis, ...	1	4	0
Item, four pund of candle to the officers for visiting the prisoners a year,	0	16	0
Dec. 18.—Item, to the officers for coall and candle to wake the prisoners in the hole after some escaped, having cutted throw the door, ...	0	6	0
Item, for cords to tye some prisoners in the laigh hole, . .	0	3	0
Item, given for the mantenance of four prisoners in the laich hole at 14 s. weiklie to each of them and that from the 28 Sept. 1698, to the 12 November, 1698, ...	18	8	0
1699. *March* 27.—Item, for a bank for neighbours hirding and keeping their bestiall from off their neighbours grass and corn, . .	0	12	0
31.—Item, for a bank throw the toune discharging fishing of smoults,	0	12	0
Item, payed for cleansing the magistrats carpett in the church, .	0	6	0
April.—Item, to the prisoners in the theiffs hole quhen they wer cryeing of want, ...	0	3	0

May 6.—Item, payed for thrie latine books for the schollars of the schooll, by order of councell, who wan thes after disput, and for carieing them from Edinburgh, ...	£6	2	0
June 30.—Item, to the drummer and officers for a proclamatione discharging wool going abroad, ...	1	4	0
Sept. 11.—Item, to James Steinsone for a baggage horse to go to Ochterardor with Captain Drummonds troup of dragouns, .	0	18	0
Item, to Robert Chalmers for carieing one called Jonet Baird troubled with the falling fitts from this toun to her freinds at Cumbernad, ...	2	0	0
Item, to one Mr. James Spark, ane Irishman, ...	0	14	0
Item, to Mr. John Martine what was spent in his hous be the magistrats on the touns accompt with several noblemen and gentlemen giving them treatts, making uthers burgesses, and at giving uthers of the touns folks birthbreivs quhen going abroad, from 10 Nov. 1698 to 22 Sept. 1699, and for glasses and confections to the provests hous the tuo solemnitie days, . .	158	19	0
Item, payd to Andrew Cockburne, cashier to the companie of Scotland alloued to trade to Affrica and the Indies, per receipt dated 2nd December, 1698, being conform to ane act of the councell generall of the said companie, ...	21	14	0
Item, to him conform to the retired band granted therfore be James Gibb, thesaurer, and the said cashier his receipt dated 17th February 1699, ...	90	4	0
Item, to him per receipt dated 17th May 1699, conform to ane act of the councell generall of the said companie, ...	120	0	0
Item, payd for wreating the said band granted for the Affrican money, ...	0	14	0
April 8.—Item, 8 April for tuo fodom tows to tye Laurance M'Lairen quhen sent to America, ...	0	2	0
May 13.—Item, to John M'Lairen and the officers taking ane insufficient cow or carcass out of the Backraw to the shoar and putting her beneath ground ther, ...	0	12	0
Item, to the staffman for convoying a poor lad called the hogg out of toun, ...	0	6	0
June 2.—Item, to the staffman for guarding at the trone and cutting off tuo of the mens ears at the trone, ...	2	0	0

From Michaelmas, 1699, *to Michaelmas*, 1700.

1699. *Oct.* 14.—Item, to the four officers convoying Robert and John Alders and John Spaden to the gallous, quher tuo of their luggs were cutt out and they brunt on the brow, . . .	£3	6	0
Dec. 12.—Item, for coalls to the councell hous fyre, as gentlemen of the shyre mett relaiting to bussines of the collonie abroad, . .	0	4	0
1700. *April* 2.—Item, for a lettre to Knockhill giving notice that the generall was in toun, ...	0	4	0
Item, for tuo pynts ale to the officers, as Annandale and uthers wer made burgesses, ...	0	6	0
July.—Item, to the drummer and officers for a proclamation at the cross dischargeing bonefyres and illuminations to be putt out be any without ordors, ...	1	4	0
Aug. 3.—Item, to John Turnbull, meason, for mending a hole in the laich prison hous and building up the chimney brace quher the theivs brake, ...	1	0	0
Aug.-Sept.—Item, to him mending the theivs hole, mending of the chimney brace, and putting in tuo iron bars on the window quhich the theivs brake and for setting up the chimney in the hall, .	1	10	0
Item, to John Don, baillie, for tuo hundreth large badges of lead to the poor folks in the toune to know them so, ...	20	0	0
Item, for 310 ells of tuyne to hang the badges on, . . .	0	17	2
Item, for six gilded inkhorns and six quare of paper to the schollars of the grammar school after a public examinatione, . . .	3	9	0
Item, given to the provest for mountaine wyne to keip in his hous to entertaine gentlemen and strangers with on the touns accompt, .	32	5	0
Item, for fourtein pund weight of confected bisket and almonds to the provests house to treat gentlemen and uthers with, . .	20	4	0
Item, payd to provest Stevensone, what he had given out on the touns accompt to viollers and drums, at a treat in the castle be the earle of Mar, and utherways, conform to particular accompt, . .	10	12	0

From Michaelmas, 1700, *to Michaelmas*, 1701.

1700. *Oct.* 26.—Item, given to the men who rang the touns bells, kirk and hospital bells upon the accompt of the Kings saiffe arryveall from abroad, ...	£3	2	0

Nov. 15.—Item, payed for four pund of candle given to the officers for visiting the prisoners in the holls of the tolbuith, . . .	£0	18	0
1701. *Feb.* 21.—Item, for a bank, be the drummer, against prophanite,	0	12	0
Aug. 14.—Item, payed to Andro Cockburne, cashier to the Affrican and Indiane Scots Companie, the touns proportione of their subscriptione, payabell at Martimes 1699 and Candlemes 1700, and annualrents therof included, ...	65	8	0
Item, for building and helping the louping on stone at the port, .	1	4	0
Item, to John Steill, sklaiter, and his sons, for taking doune some stons, clay, and lyme, out of a place in the west end of the kirk above the Kings loft, a pairt quherof had fallen doune and was hazardous, ...	2	2	0
28.—Item, to the drummer and officers for a proclamatione at the cross of the new Hieland justiciarie courts and commissioners therto,	1	4	0
Item, for the touns proportion of the money expended in procuring the act of parliament anent pocknett fishing, over what was formerlie payed,	30	0	0
Sept. 9.—Item, for Baillie Dons horsehyre to Bannockburne to intreat that coalls might be alloued to be brought to the toune quhen none almost could be gotten, ...	0	6	0

From Michaelmas, 1701, *to Michaelmas*, 1702.

1702. *March* 16.—Item, to the drummer and officers for proclameing Queen Ann, at the cross, ...	£1	4	0
April 30.—Item, to the drummer and officers for a proclamatione at the cross for taking the oath of alleadgeance and assurance to Queen Ann, ...	1	4	0
May 14.—Item, for a bank throw the toune discharging the pressing of any persons soever in or about the same to be sojors, . .	0	12	0
Item, payed for black cloath to cover the magistrats loft in the kirk, the Kings loft, and the pulpitt, after King Williams death, and for threid, tackets, and workmanship therto, . . .	38	14	6
Item, to Harie Livingstone, and uther measons, severall workmen, their wages, and for towes and uther necessars at taking doun the voults of the tolbuith steiple and the great bell therein, Harie Livingstons pains in going to Sir William Bruce and getting from him a draught of the new hous and steiple to be builded, and utherways, ...	51	3	4

Aug. 28.—Item, to the drummer and officers for a proclamation at the cross anent the oath of alleadgeance to Queen Ann, after the first one, ... £1 4 0

Sept. 5.—Item, spent in Mr. John Martines hous for seck, brandie, sugar, ale, tobacco, pyps, and utherways, after the touns statuts making, with some commissioners, Mr. James Forrester, advocat, with collonell Erskine and severall uther gentlemen, after proclameing Queen Ann, with my Lord Aberuchall, Lord Tulliecutrie, Baddindalloch, etc.; and that at sundrie tymes, . . . 42 13 8

10.—Item, to the drummer and officers for a proclamatione at the crosse calling a new parliament, ... 1 4 0

Item, to William Smith for casting of new the skellat bell, quhich was ryven and spoylled be a fall, ... 1 16 0

Item, to touns men who keiped guard in the guard hous, at the bridge, and burrous port upon notice of the Kings death, and that upon the 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17 days of March 1702, tuo loads of coalls and a pund and a half of candle nighthe, ... 5 15 0

From Michaelmas, 1702, *to Michaelmas*, 1703.

Oct. 21.—Item, to the officers for convoying Helen Cousland with the branks throw the toune, ... £0 12 0

1703. *Feb.* 6.—Item, payed to these who played on instruments of musick to the magistrats and others upon Queen Anns birth night, 1 12 6

April 9.—Item, to the drummer and officers for a proclamation at the cross of the Queen's act of indemnitie, ... 1 4 0

26.—Item, payed for reading the calsay at the New Port of stons lyeing ther, to lett Tulliebarns coach and others pass throw, . 0 7 0

June 21.—Item, payed what was spent in Mr. John Marteins, after Provest Stivinson's buriall, with the officers of Mar's regement, giveing them a treat for their kyndness in drawing out their heall regement out of the toune to wait on that burieall and attending therupon to the church yeard, ... 19 3 0

Sep. 8.—Item, payed to sundrie persons in opposing the setteing ane meitting house in this place, designed be the Episcopal partie, . 43 17 0

11.—Item, payed for more skellie to the new house of the tolbooth, cariage of a great manie dealls and tries, single and duble knapple, from the housse to the said new work, a longe old oaken trie for

the troane and cockstoole made new, lyme, sand, and workmanshipe, setting up the troan in ane uther new place of the streit, the wrights helpeing up that troan, with uthers, and severall uther thing relating to lyme, hair, tows, etc., to the deane and utherways,	£92	19	8
Item, to John Forrester, keiper of the post office heir, for ane years sellarie alloued to him by the councill for furnishing the toune weekly with the Gazets, 12 li. Scots, and for getting them furnished with Dyers news letters 30 li., ...	42	0	0

1703-8 *Accounts awanting.*

From Michaelmas, 1708, *to Michaelmas,* 1709.

1708. *Oct.* 19.—Item, for cariage of the Rushie leather chairs frae Edinburgh to Stirling, being for the new councill hous, . .	£8	0	0
1709. *Aug.* 8.—Item, to a calsay layer who came from Glasgow, .	0	12	0
Feb. 6.—In regaird that day [the Queen's birthday] fell upon the Lord's day, ther was no bonefyre or bells ringing used as in ordinar, bot the day following ther was spent be the magistrats and councell on that head with the officers of the thrie companies of the foot guards quhich lay heir, for brandie, sugar, cider, ale, rolls, and uthers, in Mr. John Martins house, . . .	40	19	6
Item, with thos officers and others in James Nicolls for brandie, seck, sugar, and uthers, ...	22	2	0
Item, for ale to the sojors of tuo of thes companies, each of them a pynt, as they fyred their pieces on the occasione of that solemnitie,	12	13	0
Money to the staffman :—			
1708. *Oct.*—For a blew bonnet to him, ...	0	10	6
Item, for a pair of gloves, ...	0	4	6
Item, to him as his dews in executing Elspeth Park to death, . .	5	0	0
1709. *July* 1.—For putting ane English strumpett out of toune and on the cockstooll, ...	1	4	0
Item, to John Steill for sueping the staffmans lum and fixing a cradle theron, ...	0	12	0

From Michaelmas, 1709 *to Michaelmas,* 1710.

Oct. 19.—Payd to the kirk servants at ringing the bells therof as the lords of justiciarie came to the toun and went away, . .	£1	4	0

Item, a guinie given to a dancing maister who followed after the lords,	£12	18	0
Item, with that dancing maister in giving him the guinie, spent,	0	6	0
1710. *Feb.* 6.—Item, payd for printing the tables of the touns customs,	4	6	0
Item, to the carier for bringing home thes printed tables,	0	6	0
May.—Item, for thrie fadom tows to tye the Ladie Gartartan and uthers with her as they were scourged for thift,	0	3	0
Aug. 5.—Item, for laddering the school brewhous and securing it against a great wind, quhen it was lyke to be tirred,	0	8	0
Item, for a new feize naill to the press made for the touns sealls,	0	6	0
Sept. 7.—Item, to the man who rang the kirk bells for the victorie in Spain,	1	4	0

1710-11 *Accounts awanting.*

From Michaelmas, 1711, *to Michaelmas,* 1712.

1711. *Oct.* 19.—To John Robertsone for getting the lend of Craigforth's carpet to set before the lords,	£0	4	0
Item, to the officers for making the street clean again the lords came in,	0	6	0
1712. *May* 20.—To John Burd for cleaning the councell hous windows again the lords of justiciarie went there and gott a treat frae the toune therin,	0	12	0
Item, to Archibald Moirs daughter for sueeping the councell hous and borroueing the punch boull, glasses and spoon, for that treat, and taking thes home againe,	0	6	0
30.—Walter Patersone for ten new bend leather buckets to the toune,	40	0	0

From Michaelmas, 1712, *to Michaelmas,* 1713.

Item, to the councell post who brought the letteres and proclamation as to the peace,	£0	12	0
Item, payd for ringing all the bells when the lords came in, and at the solemnitie for the peace, and for coalls to be a bonfire then, glasses and confections,	33	15	0
Item, to Mrs. Stevinsone, spent in hir hous be the magistrats and conveiner at making some gentlemen in and about Glasgow burgesses,	7	10	0

From Michaelmas, 1713, *to Michaelmas*, 1714.

1714. *Jan.* 18.—Item, to William Thomsone for bringing Craigforths carpet two severall times to the councilhouse where noblemen and gentlemen were meeting, ...	£0	2	0
April 8.—Item, for 15 sheets broad paper to hold powder in for the Queen's birthday, ...	0	3	8
To William Thomson for ringing the kirk bells on the Queens birthday,	1	4	0
Item, to William Houstane for ringing the hospital bell then, .	0	12	0
Item, to William Smith for ringing the tolbooth bells then, . .	2	0	0
[*August*].—Item, for small takets and for putting on the mournings in the kirk, ...	0	3	0
Item, to William Thomsone for carrieing down the carpet when King George was proclaimed, ...	0	2	0
Item, 6 August, for ringing the tolbooth bells quhen King George was proclamed at the cross be the magistrates, . . .	2	0	0
Item, for ringing the kirk bells at the said time, . . .	1	4	0
Item, for ringing the hospitall bell at the said time, . . .	0	12	0
Item, for all these bells ringing afterwards when the King was proclamed at the cross be the sherif, ...	3	16	0
Item, 23 September, for ringing all these severall bells at the news coming of the said King being landed in England, . .	3	16	0
Money payed by acts of council :—			
Payed for 60 guns, some bagonets, guns, stones, lead, casting therof in balls, and otherways, all goten for the touns use, . . .	455	18	1
Item, for powder and ball, ...	58	4	0
Item, for mair powder, ...	78	15	0
Item, depursed upon several extraordinary occasions immediately after the Queen's death, ...	20	4	0
Money of public spendings :—			
Item, payed for coalls to the bonfire, glasses, violers, drumers, etc., at the solemnitie when the King was first proclamed, . .	30	10	6
Item, for coalls, tarr barrell, wine, seck, and other liquour, glasses, &c., at the solemnity for the King's arrivall, . . .	105	14	6
Money payed to town drummer :—			
Item, to the drummer for a proclamatione anent killing of doves, .	0	12	0
Item, for a proclamation anent the peace betwixt England and Spain,	0	12	0
Item, for a proclamation anent the spirit of the whiggs, . .	0	12	0

Item, for a proclamation for apprehending papists priests, . .	£0	12	0
Item, for a proclamation obliging the episcopall clergie to pray for the Queen and Hanover, ...	0	12	0
Item, for a proclamation for giving 5000 pund sterling to these who could apprehend the Pretender, ...	0	12	0
Item, to him for proclaiming King George, ...	0	12	0
Item for a proclamation for praying for King George and all the royal family, ...	0	12	0
Item, for a proclamation to all that had commission from Queen Ann to act for six moneths as formerlie, ...	0	12	0
Item, to a proclamation for 100 thousand pound sterling to these who could apprehend the Pretender, ...	0	12	0

From Michaelmas, 1714, *to Michaelmas*, 1715.

Pettie charges and depursements :—			
Item, for a barrow to a criple woman, ...	£0	6	0
Item, to one Mr. Spark, ane distressed episcopal minister, . .	1	10	0
Item, spent be the magistrats after drawing up the adress to King George, ...	3	16	0
1715. *Aug.* 10.—Item, to William Smith for mending the touns silver cups before the sacrament, ...	0	16	0
29.—Item, to the four toun officers and Andrew Reid for gathering shovels and axes through the toun for the use of the camp in the park, ...	1	10	0
Item, to John Robertsone and John Cunninghame for bringing in James Neish, in Tarbrex, to the tolbooth, be the justices of peace order, who had been with the Highland armie, . . .	0	12	0
Item, for 12 pund of candle to the foir tolbooth and Ballingeich, 12 nights, time towns men watching ther when the rebellion began, in September and October, ...	2	15	0
Money payed for ringing the bells :—			
1714. *Oct.* 21.—For ringing the kirk bells upon the coronation day, .	1	4	0
1715. *May* 28.—Item, for ringing the kirk bells on the Kings birthday, [Hospital and tolbooth bells also rung on each occasion].	1	4	0
Money payed per acts of council :—			
1715. *Sept.*—Upon sundrie occasions and times for expresses and otherways when the rebellion began to be spoken off, . . .	19	4	0

Item, allowed to William Cowane, tacksman of the town's customs, which was quate and given down to him for the loss sustained at the bridge and burrowes port throw the troubles of war since Lambas last, ...	£566	13	4
Public spendings :—			
To Conveiner Littlejohn what was spent in his house be the merchants and trades on the Kings coronation night, . . .	13	0	6
Item, at the solemnitie on King George his coronation day, for coalls, tarr and butter barrells, to be a bonfire, wine, brandy, sugar, limons, glases, buttered rolls, seck, &c., at the cross, councill house, and other places, ...	136	15	0
Item, for wine, suggar, and a gill brandy, spent by the provost with Captain Maitland, and others, at examening some prisoners taken up as suspect persons, 12 September 1715, . . .	2	5	6

From Michaelmas, 1715, *to Michaelmas*, 1716.

For ringing the bells, etc. :—			
1715. *Nov.*—To men for ringing the kirk bells at the solemnetie for the defeat of the rebells in November 1715, . . .	£2	8	0
For coalls to the bonfire at the cross, and candle to the council house thereafter, at the solemnitie of the victorie against the rebells, .	6	12	0
Money payed the time of the armie lying about Stirling, &c. :—			
Payed to the tounsmen who keeped guard at Douncastle and for bullet lead, ...	215	8	10
Item, given to John Millar, dryster at the bridge, for waiting on and giving notice to the guard of these who came in and went out at the bridge whether they were friends or foes, . .	4	0	0
Item, to three men for five days space who waited on the bridge when the train of artillerie was carried over, ...	6	0	0
Item, for coalls and candle to the wounded men in the hospitalls, .	9	0	0
Item, for 60 dealls and some trees goten to repair Marrs house to lodge souldiers of the armie in, ...	51	0	0
1716. *Feb.* 2-7.—Item, payed for six days mentinence of 34 prisoners in the tolbooth which came from Tillybairn at 2 s. per day each, .	20	0	0
Sept. 7.—Item, to the said 33 prisoners for 9 days mentinence till 7th September 1716, on which night a great many of them brake prison, ...	22	5	6
26.—Item, to 11 prisoners who got not away, 19 days, . .	15	13	6

Item, for furnishing Major Stewart, one of the Duke of Argyle's edicaungs, with two roums, bed, coall and candle, for 20 weeks in winter 1715, and while the armie marched to Perth, . .	£72	0	0
Item, payed to Robert Stirling, litster at the bridge, for the loss and trouble his hous was put to by officers keeping guard at the bridge when the armie encamped and quartered in and about Stirling, .	36	0	0
Public spendings:—			
Item, spent be the magistrates and others of the council at making burgesses severall of the nobility and officers of the armie, the officers of Glasgow regiment, and severall others, at sundrie occasions, ...	258	17	0
Item, for wine glasses to Argyles treat, and otherways, . .	4	4	0
Item, for raisens and almonds goten when the duke of Montrose got ane treat, ...	5	2	0
Item, for sundrie things goten to Argyles treat, and given to trumpeters and hoboys therat, and for musick when Glasgow captains were made burgesses, and for coalls and candle at the Kings coronation day, ...	61	12	0
Item, spent be some of the magistrats, thesaurer, and others, in the camp, with some officers of the armie lying ther, . . .	7	7	0
Payed to the toun officers:—			
Item, for ane proclamation at the cross against the Pretender, .	0	12	0
Item, do. do. against Mr. Forrester in England, . .	0	12	0
Item, do. do. for ane thanksgiving for the victorie, .	0	12	0
Item, do. do. against seamen taking on with foreigners, .	0	12	0

From Michaelmas, 1716, *to Michaelmas*, 1717.

Pettie charges and depursements:—			
1716. *Sept.* 27.—To a dragoon, in the small pox, . . .	£0	8	0
1717. *Feb.* 1.—Item, paid for maintaining one of Robert Roy's men, being a prisoner, ...	0	4	6
March.—Item, to John Finlayson, officer, for going express with letteres to Glasgow anent Mr. Woodrow's call, . . .	1	16	0
Payed by acts of council:—			
Payed to eleven Highland prisoners who were taken at Tullybairden, for their mentinence in the tolbooth, at 1 s. 6 d. each, from 27 Sept. to 4 Oct., 1716—7 days, ...	5	15	6

Money payed to the toun officers:—

Item, to them for a proclamation at the cross against the East India trade,	£0	12	0
Item, to them for a proclamation discharging trade with the Sweeds,	0	12	0
Item, to them for convoying three cut purses out of the toun, who were taken the time of the fair,	0	12	0

Coall and candle to the toun guards:—

Goten be the sentries who keeped guard, in the foir tolbooth, upon the prisoners who were in the back tolbooth 3 candle nightly for 7 nights time untill they brake prison throw the wall.

From Michaelmas, 1717, *to Michaelmas*, 1718.

Item, payed for liquors, etc., spent at the Princes birthday, ringing the bells and otherways,	£55	12	0
Item, payed out at the entertainment at Mr. Muir, minister, his admission,	209	1	4
Item, to the officers at the solemnitie of the Prince of Wales birthday,	2	8	0
Item, to them for four pair Kilmarnock stockens,	8	16	0
Item, to them for four pair shoes,	9	12	0

From Michaelmas, 1718, *to Michaelmas*, 1719.

Item, to one for going to Perth with letters from the magistrates for getting better information about the Spanish invasion, and to another going to Glasgow about the same,	£3	12	0
Item, to a boy for coming express from Alloa about the Sweez bagadge,	0	6	0
Item, to ane express from Alloa to the magistrates, giving account that the pictures were come from London, gifted by Boquhan,	0	8	0
Item, for the better enabling the weavers to make sash windows in their new foir tenement in the Baxters Wynd, for the better decorment of the public street,	60	0	0
Item, for the portage and fraught of the pictures sent by Boquhan from London to Stirling,	19	1	0
Item, for powder and bullets provided for the Spanish invasion,	30	6	0
Money payed for the purchase of Gardens old house in the foir street now belonging to the town, rebuilding therof, and for stones, lyme, sand, tymber, and others furnished therto,	14,613	7	6

Item, to the officers for a proclamation for taking Ro: Roy, . .	£0	12	0
Item, for a proclamation for apprehending Duke of Ormond, . .	0	12	0
Item, do. for free commerce with Sweden, . . .	0	12	0

From Michaelmas, 1719, *to Michaelmas*, 1720.

To a soldier in the castle for putting a man troubled in mind home to his friends, ...	£0	4	0
To a distressed German gentleman who was robbed by the privateers,	3	0	0
Item, for a chopin brandy which the council got in a cold day quhen long sitting, ...	1	4	0
Item, to a soldier who found the tail of the weather cock, . .	0	6	0
Item, for harling Jean Gilmer to the shore on a slid when she hanged herself, ...	0	12	0
For liquors and others, in the council house, spent by the magistrats and officers of Cleatens regiment when King George and his son were reconciled, ...	47	0	0
Payd when the duke of Argyle came here, for liquors and others, in the council house, when made the Earle of Boot and my lord Dameanie burgesses, and when the dutchess of Argyle went off, .	63	3	0
Item, for a proclamation, cessation of arms with Spain, . .	0	12	0
Item, for a proclamation anent the plague at Marseils, . .	0	12	0
Item, for putting Jean Gilmer on a sled and burying her, . .	0	18	0

From Michaelmas, 1720, *to Michaelmas*, 1721.

Item, to one going express to Glasgow about the plague, . .	£3	0	0
[Expresses also sent to Alloa, Inverkeithing, and Perth.]			
Item, paid to William Aytoun, goldsmith, as the exchange of four communion cups of silver, the ballance betwixt the old and new being	163	4	0
Item, for putting up scaffolds on the speir of the steeple for taking down the weather cock, in order to putt a new taill theron, being blown off by excessive winds, ...	15	0	0
Item, to Colline M'Clourie, for his pains and expence in furnishing copper to putt a taill to the weathercock, . . .	4	0	0
Item, to Charles Lyon, cordiner, for 18 leather buckets made by him in case of any accident falling out by fire, . . .	108	0	0
Item, for a salmond given in complement to the duke of Argyle, .	4	16	0

Item, for 2 proclamations, the one discharging commerce with France on account of the plague, and the other for prorogueing the parliament,	£1	4	0

From Michaelmas, 1721, *to Michaelmas*, 1722.

By the provosts order, to a daft man, 12 s.; to a daft minister, 24 s.; to one in Auchterloanie, half a crown, and to a broken sergant a crown,	£6	6	0
Item, to a poor man in the fallen sickness,	1	4	0
Item, to two men for two days work taking away the redd at the louping on stone,	1	4	0

From Michaelmas, 1722, *to Michaelmas*, 1723.

Item, for tows for binding Cathrin M'Nab to the tron,	£0	2	0
Item, for a pen knive got for cutting off her ear,	0	3	0
Item, to the officers for bringing the stocks from the tolbooth and putting a fellow in them and out of toun,	1	16	0

From Michaelmas, 1723, *to Michaelmas*, 1724.

Item, for a coffine to the staffman's bastard and a winning sheet therto,	£2	0	0
Item, to John Robertson, who was hanged, from 22nd November, 1723, to 21st June, 1724, allowed three half pennys per day,	15	18	0
Item, for a horse hyre to the officer who summoned the red fishers,	0	12	0
Item, for 3 hinging locks to scheckle the three prisoners sentenced to dye,	0	18	0
Item, to Walter Din attending as drum when the two women were execute,	0	12	0
Item, 4 fathom tows for hanging,	0	8	0
Item, small tows for flightering them,	0	4	0
Item, to William Thomson for carrying back and for the ladder when the 3 were hanged,	1	4	0
Spent with some English squires and officers of Stannex regiment,	15	6	6
Item, at making the officers of Stannex regiment burgesses,	30	0	0

From Michaelmas, 1724, *to Michaelmas*, 1725.

To Mr. Menius, protestant minister at Lithuania,	£12	0	0
Paid the toun drummer for druming 8 whores out of toun,	0	12	0

Paid for 14 fathom tows gott to draw doun the cockstool, . .	£0	14	0
Paid postage of a letter from the admiral to the magistrates for apprehending vagabond seamen suspected to be pirats, . .	0	2	0

From Michaelmas, 1725, *to Michaelmas*, 1726.

Item, to the officers attending the magistrats on the Kings arrival, .	£1	0	0

From Michaelmas, 1726, *to Michaelmas*, 1727.

Item, to John Miller sent express with his horse to Dumfermline, at the Kings death, for Provost Johnston, ...	£2	8	0

From Michaelmas, 1727, *to Michaelmas*, 1728.

Paid to Mr. James Steuart for helping to build a meeting hous in Ireland, ...	£12	12	0
Item, for ale to the soldiers who fired on the coronation day, . .	6	16	0

From Michaelmas, 1728, *to Michaelmas*, 1729.

1729. *Sep.* 12.—Paid for ringing the bells at the Kings arrival from abroad, ...	£4	0	0

From Michaelmas, 1729, *to Michaelmas*, 1730.

1730. *April* 26th.—Compt expended by Andrew Muirhead, thesaurer, at the sacrament:—

To 63 bottles small wine from Bailie Urquhart, . . .	£63	0	0
To 12 bottles from Jo. M'Kinnen, ...	12	0	0
To 4 doz. rolls to the element hous, ...	2	8	0
To 3 pints brandy, ...	7	4	0
To 4 gallons 2 s. ale, ...	3	4	0
To 16 12 s. loaves, ...	9	12	0
To a man serving in the element hous, ...	1	4	0
To 2 men waking the element hous all night, ...	1	4	0
To 2 bottles wine at paring the bread, ...	2	0	0
	£101	16	0

From Michaelmas, 1730, *to Michaelmas*, 1731.

Paid to Mr. Ebenezer Erskin, minister, for transporting his family and furnitor from Portmoak,	£466	13	4
Paid to James Urquhart for the Echo, a newspaper furnished the toun from the post office, for 2 years and 5 moneths,	18	17	6
Paid to John Paton, bookseller, for severalls of the British acts of parliament,	61	16	0

From Michaelmas, 1733, *to Michaelmas*, 1734.

Paid to James Ramsay to carry on the touns plea before the lords of session about the sherifship against the sherif,	£144	0	0
To James Lyon, cordiner, for making fourtie two leather buckets and mending the old ones,	318	16	0
For ale to men who wrought at the extinguishing of the fire that happened in James Christy, dyer, his hous,	17	4	0
To Mr. Dickie, for making ane addition to the clock and musick bells,	420	0	0
Money paid of the touns annualrents (principal sums 62,555 merks),	2,062	10	2
Paid to officers at attending the solemnity of the Prince of Orange marriage,	3	16	0
By cash to them and staffman for burning a book, being false, publicklie at the cross,	1	4	0
By 2 proclamations for taking down the turnpykes, and for aprehending some highwaymen that had committed murder in England,	1	4	0
By cash to the staffman on the King and Prince birth days,	1	4	0
By cash to him on the Queen's birthday and at the solemnity of the Prince of Orange marriage,	1	4	0
By cash of instruments to the synod clerk when the sentence against Mr. Erskine was repealled,	6	6	0
To John Allan for mending the big candlestick in the East Church,	1	4	0
By spent going to Bannockburn, speaking to Sir Hugh for his womells to bore the Backraw well, and drink to Sir Hugh's men,	1	8	0
By cash for a handy for taking the water out of the new well,	0	6	0
Paid for ane extract of the act of assembly relating to Mr. Ebenezer Erskins being reponed,	2	8	0

From Michaelmas, 1734, *to Michaelmas*, 1735.

To Bailie Christie, surgeon, for pains, and medicines furnished by him, to some quarriers that were hurt at diging the Bakraw well,	£18	0	0

Money paid out by the thesaurer relaiting to the criminal processes before the lords of justiciary and process of reduction, [details amounting to]	£6,580	5	0
Spent by the magistrats and council, the Kings birth day, in the council roum, entertaining the marquess of Grahame, lords of justiciary, and officers of the regiment lying here and otherways, . .	346	14	0
To a carter and officer taking a poor criple a mile out of town and paid for her quarters two nights in town, ...	0	18	0
To Will Hood and others for musick the fairwell night, &c., . .	3	0	0

From Michaelmas, 1735, *to Michaelmas*, 1736.

Paid at solemnizing the Prince of Wales marriage, . . .	28	16	0
By cash to a lord in Affrica and charges of horsehyres, &c., . .	23	14	0

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From Michaelmas, 1737, *to Michaelmas*, 1738.

Paid for the expense in casting of new the big bell in the church, &c.,	£218	18	0
To Patrick Murray, goldsmith, for a gold ring to the chapmen at their race, ...	12	0	0
By officers dues at the solemnity kept on the news of the Princess being delivered of a young Prince, £3 12 s. and 12 s. allowed them for bread and ale, ...	4	4	0
By a proclamation about ryots and tumults, October 1737, . .	0	12	0
To a blind man playing on the harp at the election dinner, . .	1	4	0

From Michaelmas, 1738, *to Michaelmas*, 1739.

Charges in prosecuting a call for Mr. Bathgate, minister, .	£1,478	8	6
Charges payed out in defending the magistrats in the processes before the lords at the instances of John Millar, meason, Edward Main and Alexander Gilchrest, merchant, and John Balfower, against them, ...	1,228	6	6

From Michaelmas, 1739, *to Michaelmas*, 1740.

Charges payed out in prosecuting a call to Messrs. Turner and M'Queen, ministers, ...	£634	19	6

Payed out to ministers to supply the churches [usually £6 6 s. each day], ...	£94	10	0
To James Weyms, late clerk to the post office, for furnishing the Caledonian Mercury and writen paper to the town, . .	62	19	0
To James Jaffray, stationer, for seven gilded bibles to the provost, four baillies, dean of guild and conveener, ...	87	6	0

From Michaelmas, 1740, *to* 1*st January*, 1742..

Intromissions of James Walker, merchant, with the revenues of the burgh from Michaelmas, 1740, to 1st January, 1742, when he died.

From 1*st January*, 1742, *to November*, 1742.

1742. *Feb.* 6*th.*—To William Maiben, post master, for furnishing the Currant for a year to 28th July, 1741, as usuall, . . .	£15	12	0
Feb. 11*th.*—To James Dowglas and William Dawson for ringing the kirk bells at the news of good success to the new ministry, .	2	0	0
To Adam M'Arthure for ringing the big bell at said time, . .	2	0	0
Oct. 16*th*—To John Livingston and Robert Burn at setting up the lamps, ...	0	18	0
26*th*—To 2 lanthorns for lighting the lamps, ...	0	18	0

From Michaelmas, 1743, *to Michaelmas*, 1744.

To town drummer for proclamation advertising the country against the press act, ...	£0	12	0
To town drummer for proclamation advertising against smugling, .	0	12	0

From Michaelmas, 1744, *to Michaelmas*, 1745.

Expense at entertaining generall Blackney and others, . .	£67	13	0
Spent on the news of the Kings safe arrivall, ...	29	16	0
To a pair shoes to the drummer and for ordering the inhabitants to give up their arms to castle, ...	2	16	0
To the officers for a proclamation for taking the Pretender, August 1745, ...	0	12	0
To the men that wailed the arms in castle to the tounsmen, . .	0	6	0
By discount alllowed tacksman of bridge custom on account of the troublesome times, ...	442	13	4

From Michaelmas, 1745, *to Michaelmas*, 1746.

To Baillie Henderson, as payment to the poor men in his company of town volunteers,	£17	8	0
[There are several similar payments.]			
To Baillie Maiben for news papers,	11	15	0
To Baillie Danskine for a lock to the Bridge gate,	0	18	0
To four men for taking doun a stone wall at the back of the Mary Wynd,	0	18	0
To James Moore for his charges in several expresses,	12	0	0
To some of the rebels a six pence loaf and a gallon of ale,	1	2	0
To six men for burying a Highlander,	0	18	0
To William Johnstone for burying a soldier,	0	12	0
To James Douglas for burying a rebel,	0	18	0
To David Mitchell for thatch got from him to the rebels,	4	11	0
To a coffin to one of the rebels,	2	15	0
To the dragoons wife that was execute,	3	0	0
Cash paid the toun officers :—			
1745. *Sept.*—For reading a proclamation against papists,	0	12	0
Nov.—For proclaiming the act of indemnity,	0	12	0
For reading the proclamation for volunteers,	0	12	0
Dec.—For reading the proclamation of a general fast,	0	12	0
1746. *March.*—For attending James Baird when on the cross with a paper on his breast for treason,	3	12	0
Drummer and lamplighters :—			
Paid the lamplighters for lighting the lamps through the season,	24	0	0
Paid them for taking down the lamps,	1	16	0
Public spendings :—			
To the expense of solemnizing the Duke of Cumberland's birth day,	74	16	0
To do. for the defeat of the rebels,	63	10	0
Incident charges :—			
1745. *Oct.*—To drink to the men who took down the iron gate at the port to try how it would go up and down,	0	12	0
To 4 quairs callender paper and a stick wax for making cartouches for the volunteers,	1	5	6
Nov.—To James Willson and others, for work done at the Burrows port-head, Ladyhill, &c.,	45	15	0
To Robert Willison for two locks, one whereof to the Mary Wynd and the other to the Friar Wynd ports,	1	4	0

To James Douglas, for his service at general Blakeney's entertainment in the council house,	£0	12	0
To John Campbell, for thatch to the military,	2	16	0
To Thomas Shirray, for a ramrod to a firelock,	0	3	0
To Richard Chalmers, for going to Bridge of Allan when the rebels were there,	0	6	0
December.—To a post letter to the magistrats from Glasgow,	0	2	0
To instruments on the protest by the magistrats against captain Grozart, when working at the bridge, about to lodge powder under one of the arches, in order to blow up the same,	0	12	0
To Andrew Chalmers for carrying an express to Edinburgh in order to get some military to this town,	3	12	0
To the town drummer for publishing a proclamation by the magistrates desiring the country bakers to bring their bread to the town for the service of the army,	0	12	0
To the toun officers for pressing horses, &c., to transport two regiments baggage,	1	4	0
To instruments on the protest by the magistrats against Mr. Campbell when cutting the arch of the bridge,	0	12	0
To two quairs callender paper for cartouches,	0	12	0
To the officers for publishing a proclamation anent the liedges driving their cattle from the coasts in case the French should attempt to land,	0	12	0
1746. *January.*—To eighteen men for casting up a trench in James Chalmers yard and building up Lowrie's turnpike's closs in the Baxters Wynd, for drink,	1	10	0
To peats for kindling the gaurd fires,	0	2	0
To the toun officers for assisting the accomptant in several of the town's affairs during the seiges of the town and castle,	0	12	0
To John Maxwell for making two keys to the port locks,	0	12	0
To taking down the pictures in the council room and carrying them up stairs,	0	8	0
To three thraves of straw to the rebells' hospitall,	1	16	0
February.—To 8 fathoms six threed ropes and 60 door nails for putting up the pictures in the council room,	0	11	6
To John Buchan and others for burying some of the rebels,	0	12	0
To the town drummer for a proclamation concerning the duke of Cumberland,	0	12	0

To the town officers when the Duke came to town, ...	£3	16	0
To Adam M'Arthur and James Douglas for ringing the bells at the Duke's arrival, ...	4	0	0
To a quarter of green linen to mend the pictures in the council house that were cut by the rebels, ...	0	4	0
To the town officers when the Prince of Hesse came to town, . .	3	14	0
To Adam M'Arthur and James Douglas for ringing the bells, . .	4	0	0
To Robert Hall for his horse, being sent out with Alexander Miller to give notice when the Prince came near, ...	0	12	0
To Thomas Blair for going to Edinburgh for five dozen wine when the Prince of Hesse came to town, ...	3	12	0
To the town drummer for a proclamation discharging the inhabitants to fire any guns in the streets, ...	0	12	0
March.—To Henry Dollar and an other man two days each at spreading the mole hills in the grass park, ...	1	4	0
April.—To the town drummer for prohibiting the inhabitants to go through the grass park, ...	0	12	0
To Alexander Adam for attending the Hessians when cutting off the branches from the trees about the town, ...	0	6	0
To Baillie Maiben, as paid out by him, to guides sent to Fall-in-Pow with sick soldiers, ...	1	16	0
May.—To William Laing at the bridge for ane thrave and an half of thatch to the soldiers' hospitall, ...	0	18	0
To the town drummer for a proclamation anent the inhabitants delivering up the King's arms, ...	0	12	0
To the town drummer for advertising the country people not to sell their butter and cheese in their way to the market place, .	0	12	0
June.—To Thomas Blackwell for painting on the Episcopall meeting-house door that the same was shut up by authority, . .	1	10	0
To 1 lib. lead for running in a batt at the Episcopal meeting-house door, ...	0	2	6
To John Patterson for taking down and up the ladder when . . . Rolland was execute, and going along after him with his cart to the place of execution, ...	0	18	0
To James Douglas, &c., for making a grave at the gibbet foot, .	0	6	0
July.—To Thomas Wingates servant for bringing the bull to the grass park, ...	0	12	0

To William Shaw for taking him home, it being complained he was too little,	£0	12	0
To Douglas and M'Arthur for ringing the bells when the Duke of Cumberland came from the north,	4	0	0
To the officers for attending at the Dukes arrival,	3	16	0
To the officers for pressing horses, &c., for transporting the baggage of the Old Buffs and Chomondeley's regiments,	2	8	0
To coalls and peats the first night the two regiments of Price's and Conoway's came from the north for their sick men put into the hospitalls,	0	3	6
To the town drummer for advertising the gardners in or about the town to come to the merkat place daylie with their roots and herbs to serve the military,	0	12	0
To the town drum advertising the inhabitants from buying any thing from the military,	0	12	0
To 27 earthen dishes and two large water cans for the sick men of Price's regiment in the hospitall,	1	12	0
Sept.—To five pots and three other dishes for the sick of Conaway's regiment,	0	6	0
Paid Generall Bland's servant when the magistrats dined with the generall,	3	0	0
Oct.—The clerk Christie, being paid out by him for bringing the town's chests and papers down from the castle,	0	12	0

From Michaelmas, 1746, *to Michaelmas*, 1747.

Baillie Maiben, postmaster, for the News, an year to August 1747,	£15	12	0
Do. for Wyes Letter, from 30 May to 29 August 1747,	3	12	0
Expence of solemnizing the news of the Prince of Orange being chosen stadtholder,	101	4	0
do. on the anniversary of the battle of Culloden,	58	10	0
do. at solemnizing the Duke of Cumberlands birth day,	67	8	0
To Archibald Dickson, brewer, for ale to the workmen who cleaned the streets when Duke William came to town from the north,	0	16	6
To James Jaffray, stationer, for two bibles to two poor boys,	2	4	0
1746. *Oct.*—To the town drummer for advertising the inhabitants to clean the streets and to illuminate their windows,	1	4	0

1747. *Mar.* 4.—To the town drummer for advertising not to enter the grass park and discharging persons from firing guns in the town,	£0	12	0
May 19.—For ringing the bells at the arrival of the circuit lords as usual,	4	0	0
July.—To the Falkirk post for coming up one Sabbath evening with the newspapers after the battle of Val,	1	4	0

From Michaelmas, 1747, *to Michaelmas,* 1748.

To provost Jaffrays expence in going to Edinburgh and contracting with generall Bland anent rebuilding the bridge,	£43	11	6
To the officers for trouble in pressing carriages for the militarys baggage,	0	12	0
To drink to the soldiers repairing long calsey,	1	5	0
To paid for casting of new the dead-handbell and for carriage,	3	12	0
To the town drum for advertising the inhabitants to illuminate their windows on his Majestys birth night,	0	12	0
To two men nine days each, at spreading the mole-hills in the Hospital parks, mending the slops in the dykes, and repairing the road, at 6 d. each per day, and for drink 4 d.,	5	12	0
To advertizing the rejoycings on his Majestys birthday in the news paper,	3	4	0
To two men for making a dam in the grass park to hold water for the cows to drink,	0	8	0

From Michaelmas, 1748, *to Michaelmas,* 1749.

To sundries for work done at the bridge,	£89	17	0
To sundries for carriages to the bridge when repairing,	106	18	0
To a new steel mill,	33	0	0
To Andrew Tounley, bellfounder, for mending a rent in one of the church bells,	25	4	0
To John Turnbull, customer at the bridge, for his trouble in overseeing the workmen while the bridge was repairing,	24	0	0
To provost Jaffray, for powder for blowing some rocks,	16	5	6
To six bottles white wine and a dozen bakes, used in the council room during the time of the election,	7	4	0
To a man for taking care of the things in the hospitall when lord George Sackvilles regiment went off,	0	6	0
To paid for washing the council room and glasses,	0	12	0
To paid for ringing the bells at proclaiming the general peace,	3	0	0

To paid James Martine for putting up the steel miln, . .	£0	12	0
To paid of carriage from Edinburgh for the new steel miln, . .	0	18	0

From Michaelmas, 1749, *to Michaelmas*, 1750.

To sundries for work at the north end of the bridge, . . .	£67	1	0
To Lord Elphinston for stones for rebuilding the bridge, . .	45	0	0
Nov. 3.—Paid for transporting the leather to and from the gibbet at the execution of Margaret Gillespie, ...	0	12	0
1750. *May* 10.—Paid for saltpetre and paper for blowing the rock at the Backwalk, ...	0	5	6

From Michaelmas, 1750, *to Michaelmas*, 1751.

To Robert Melvil, watchmaker, for cleaning and mending the clock in the council room, ...	£4	10	0
Paid the conveener as the expence of the musick at the election 1750, being paid out by him, ...	4	16	0
Paid town drummers for prohibiting the fishing of smolts, . .	0	12	0
Do. for prohibiting to dry linnens on the park hedges, .	0	12	0
Do. for prohibiting the publichouse keepers to intertain company at undue hours, ...	0	12	0
Do. for proclaiming the roup of the bridge iron gate, and discharging the bathing in the river Forth, . .	1	4	0
Paid as cariage of stones from the Wolf Craig for repairing the guard house door, ...	0	16	0
Paid John Rae, gardner, for flowers to the magistrats on Sundays these two years as usual, ...	2	8	0

From Michaelmas, 1751, *to Michaelmas*, 1752.

CHARGE.

	Sterling money.		
Ballance of last accompts, ...	£161	3	6
Rests, [being arrears due at close of last account], . . .	650	8	$5\frac{1}{6}$
The customs of the burgh, ...	383	7	$2\frac{2}{3}$
The converted multure, ...	440	16	$2\frac{5}{6}$
Sales of some wood got from the bridge, ...	2	19	8
Rent of the lands of Bizetlands and Livilands, . . .	28	16	$0\frac{1}{2}$
Principal sums borrowed this year, ...	1,905	11	$1\frac{1}{3}$

First ministers stipend, town cess, grass meall, annualrents, etc.,				£211	14	10½
Entrys of burgesses, [thirty three],				44	1	6
Debt due by Allan's Hospitall,				366	6	1⅔
Ballance due to the accomptant,				65	14	0
				£4,260	19	8⅔

DISCHARGE.

Cash paid for public burdens, etc.,				£451	15	6 7/12
[Under this heading are included the following:—]						
Mr. Turner, first minister, his stipend, cropt 1751,	£83	6	8			
Mr. Macqueen, his years stipend to Whitsunday 1752 inclusive, and a years rent of his house at £5 11 1⅓,	83	6	8			
Mr. William Erskine, a years sallary,	27	15	6⅔			
Mr. Adam, a years sallary as doctor of the school,	16	0	0			
John Burn, a years sallary as teacher of the English school,	16	0	0			
Robert Norie, said time assistant of do.,	8	6	8			
Mr. Melvill, for keeping in order the clock, etc., for a year,	6	6	0			
Patrick Haldane, quarter master, for a years sallary,	6	16	0			
Thomas Blackadder, jaylor,	5	4	0			
Adam M'Arthur, for ringing the bells, for a year,	3	0	0			
Thomas Wilson, carrier,	5	0	0			
Alexander Russell, as last moiety to the building of St. Ninians Kirk,	2	10	10⅓			
Andrew Miller of stipend, cropt 1751, to the first minister,	10	18	7¼			
Robert Maben for the towns newspapers to May 1752,	1	6	0			
Cash paid for publick works,				92	12	3¼
Payments of annual rents (debts due by town at Martinmas 1752, £3,462 7 8 11/12 stg.),				162	19	5½
Payments of principal sums and interest thereon,				2,343	5	9⅓
Money lent to Cowans hospital,				210	0	0
Payments to sundrys by acts of councill,				53	15	10⅔
Payment of public expense,				47	8	5

Expense of the lamps and the coal and candles to the guards,	£13	10	1½
Payment of certain accounts,	36	4	6
Payments to the town officers,	14	3	10
„ „ drummer,	3	12	11½
„ „ staffman,	8	6	1
„ of charity,	1	15	6
„ to pensioners,	9	14	8
„ to the woman who put on the guard fire,	0	8	9
„ on account of the workhouse,	8	15	9
„ of incidentall expence,	9	12	8
By sums resting of the years revenue unpaid,	82	2	4½
„ „ given up in last accompts and still resting,	65	1	2⅔
„ further rests charged to the accomptant,	623	5	11
„ cash advanced by accomptant to his successor,	21	11	8
„ a miscalcull,	0	0	7
„ expense at making up accompt,	0	16	9⅙
	£4,260	19	8⅔

II.—Translations of Entries in Protocol Book.

29 *November*, 1471.

Settlement of the estate of James Darou, burgess.

The year of our Lord one thousand four hundred and seventy first, and the penult day of the month of November, the fifth indiction, the first year of the pontificate of the most holy father in Christ and our Lord, lord Sixtus the Fourth, by the providence of God, Pope, the twelfth year of the reign of our most excellent sovereign lord, King James the Third, the most illustrious King of Scots, in presence of the provost, bailies, and councillors of the burgh of Strivelin, and me notary public, and witnesses underwritten, within the tolbooth of the said burgh, compeared a provident man James Darou, burgess of the said burgh, and said and set forth how he had conquest, by the assistance of the grace of God, all his goods, movable and immovable, domicile and heritable, acquired by him of his own industry; and whereas after his decease he had no heir begotten of his own body to enjoy the said goods, nor had he any brothers german alive, as he clearly understood, therefore he constituted, made, created, and nominated Richard Darou, his brother, to be his heir, if he should not procreate a son or daughter of his own body in lawful marriage, of all and sundry his goods, movable and immovable, viz., utencils and domicils

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bestowed on him by God, and of all and whole his tenement and heritages, all the best manner, way, right, and form as he could and ought; reserving, nevertheless, the franktenement of the said goods and the foresaid tenement with the pertinents to him and Jonet his spouse and the longer liver of them. Witnesses: Matthew Forestar, James Redehucht, dean of gild, John Brady, Adam Bully, Duncan Forestar, bailies, John Heycht, Robert Fersitht, Alexander Murra, Herbert Murra, Walter Aysoun. And in like manner the said Jonet constituted Murella her daughter, and spouse of the said Richard, her heir of all her goods whatsoever.

17 *January*, 1471-2.

Chaplainry of the altar of the Holy Cross.

A discreet man, Sir Richard Brady, chaplain, craved instrument that twenty five persons of the community of the said burgh said simpliciter that they have delivered to him the service of the altar of the Holy Cross; the remaining persons of the said community, to the number of thirty persons, said that the resignation to be made therein by Sir William Bully and his procurators of the foresaid service in favour of Sir Richard Smethsoun, if the said Sir William has been dispensed by the Apostolic See at the time of the reception of his orders, should be of strength, force, and moment but otherwise not; and upon this the said Sir Richard Smethsoun took instrument. Present: the Provost and bailies, James Schaw of Salchy, Sir John Colquhon of that ilk, David Crychtoun of Cranstoun, William Strivelin of Keyr, Robert Fersith, John Daroth; witnesses, with others divers.

25 *February*, 1471-2.

Revocation of a gift.

In presence of me, notary public, and witnesses underwritten, personally compeared a provident man, Andrew Symson, and said and asserted that notwithstanding that he had been formerly circumvented and defrauded by certain partial persons, and slidden, through error, of the excessive infirmity of his age, on the bed of his sickness, had made a certain pretended and simulated alienation of his annual rent of twenty four shillings yearly to be uplifted and taken from all and whole the tenement of Walter Aysoun, lying in St. Mary's Wynd, within the burgh of Strivelin, between the land of the late William Bolat on the east side, on the one part, and the land of Bernard Halden on the west side, on the other part, to Walter Symson, his second begotten son, in prejudice, loss, and detriment of James Symson, his first begotten son, for a certain sum of money delivered to the said Andrew and afterwards by the said Walter incontinent taken away from him; wherefore, with his own mouth, he revoked, cassed, and annulled for ever the aforesaid pretended alienation and resignation and gift of sasine of the foresaid annual rent; and there-

upon, for the cassing and breaking of the pretended sasine, yea more truly, as he asserted, intrusion of the said annual rent taken and received by the said Walter, he delivered and gave, with effect, to the said James Simson, his dearest first begotten son, his whole and full power. Present: master Robert Forestar, vicar of Kilmoronok, Sir Robert Mure, Adam Bully, then one of the bailies of the said burgh, James Redehucht, Richard Mure, David Cosour, Alexander Nortoun, burgesses of the said burgh, and Dugal Cosour.

Revocation of a gift.

16 *July*, 1472.

In presence of me, notary public, and witnesses underwritten, personally compeared honourable and provident men, Malcolm Makclery of Gartane Sinclare and Le Maii, and Alexander Scot, scribe of council of our Lord the King, procurators, jointly and severally, of a noble and potent lord, William lord le Monypenny, in that part specially constituted, of whose power and mandate was sufficiently known to me, notary public underwritten, by letters of procuratory of the said William lord le Monypenny, sealed with his seal and therein read over by me by sufficient documents, personally passing to the high altar of the parish church of the Holy Cross of the burgh of Striveling, presented to a provident man, Adam Cosour, burgess of the burgh of Striueline, in name and on behalf of the said lord constituent, for redemption of the lands of Ester Lekke and le Offeris of Schyregartane, the sum of three hundred merks usual money of the Kingdom of Scotland, and offered to give it over to him, and craved of him that he would resign and overgive all and sundry the foresaid lands of Lekke and Schirgartane with the pertinents. . . . Upon which a provident man, Duncan Forestar, then one of the bailies of the burgh of Striveline, by command of our lord the King, by his letters directed to him thereupon, craved an answer from him. Which being asked, the said Adam delivered his answer in a certain schedule of paper to the said bailie, containing the tenor as follows, etc.:—Schir bailye, Duncan Forestar, ane of the baleyeis of the burght of Striveline:—quhar yee ask ansuer at me of oure Soverane Lordis letteris direct to yow, charging me to resing and gif oure myne fee and heritage of the landis of Lekke and the Offeris of Schiregartane, witht thar pertinence, witht charteris, saysing, and uthir evidentis, maid and gevine to me tharapoune, to the Lord Monipenny, and to ressave tharfore thre hundretht merkis, I ansuere tharto in this manner: Plese my Lord Monypenny, or his procuratoris or actornayis, ane or ma, to schaw and profer to me syklik payment of money and of gold and sylver as I payt and deliverit tyl umquhile oure Soverane Lordis progenitore of nobil mynd, quhom God assolyhe, apoun the saydis landis, I sal gif syk ane ansuer to yow, God willand, as efferis. Apoun the quhilk I tak ane

Redemption of lands of Easter Lekke, &c.

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instrument at yow, schir notar; and this bil, word be wourd, to be inserit tharin. Of and upon which all and sundry the foresaid procurators in name as above craved of me, notary public, underwritten, a public instrument or public instruments to be made to them. These things were done within the parish church of the said burgh, at the high altar of the same, the second hour after noon or thereby, year, day, month, indiction as above. Present: provident and discreet men, Matthew Forestar, Robert Fersytht, Alexander Cosour, James Dausoun, burgess of the said burgh, Sir John Yare, Andrew Bully, chaplains, with others divers.

22 *December*, 1472.

Annualrent for celebrating a perpetual mass in the church of the Holy Cross.

In presence of me, notary public, and witnesses underwritten, a venerable man, master Duncan Bully, rector of the church of Kynnell of St. Andrews diocese, passing personally to his tenement lying within the said burgh on the north side of the High Street, between the land of Duncan Hakat on the west side, on the one part, and the lands of the late John Galua on the east side, on the other part, by exhibition of one penny as the custom is in burghs, overgave and purely and simply resigned an annual rent of twelve shillings good and legal money of the realm of Scotland, annually to be uplifted and taken from all and whole the said tenement with the pertinents, in the hands of a provident man Robert Forsicht, then one of the bailies of the said burgh, by delivery of a penny as use is, upon the ground of the said tenement, bestowed and gave for ever, state, sasine, and possession of the said annual rent of twelve shillings forth of all and whole the foresaid tenement with the pertinents, to an honorable man Walter Stuart, then provost of the said burgh, and in name and on behoof of the most blessed sacrament, and for maintaining a lamp and oil before the said sacrament, in the parish church of the Holy Cross of the said burgh, and for maintaining an annual and perpetual mass, according to the tenor of the charter of a late venerable man, Sir Thomas Bully, canon of Glasgow, made thereupon. Of and upon which, all and sundry, the said Walter Stewart, in name and behoof of the most blessed sacrament, asked of me, notary public underwritten, one or more public instrument or public instruments to be made to him. These things were done upon the ground of the said tenement, the first hour after noon, or thereby, under year, day, month, indiction and pontificate as above. Present: honorable and provident men, David Cosour, Robert Cosour, bailies, Thomas Gulde, dean of gild, at that time of the said burgh, Adam Bully, John Kennedy, Robert Walkare, John Gargunnok, Alexander Stewart, William Murray, John Cathkine, and Sir Andrew Bully chaplain, witnesses; with sundry others, specially called and required, to the premises.

3 *March*, 1476-7.

Gift by the community to Mr. Andrew Craggorth of the chaplainry of the Holy Cross.

In presence of honorable and provident men, the provost, bailies, councillors, and community of the burgh of Striveline, within the tolbooth of the same, sitting in judgment, and of a noble lord, Gilbert lord le Kennedy, and me, notary public, and witnesses underwritten, personally compeared a noble lord Thomas lord Erskin, procurator, and in name of procuratory of a discreet man, Richard Brady, perpetual vicar of the parish church of Lautheres and perpetual chaplain of the altar of the Holy Rood, founded and situated within the parish church of the said burgh, of whose mandate and power, as procurator, was clearly enough well known by documents to me, notary public underwritten, by letters of procuratory of the said Sir Richard there in judgment read by me, and overgave from the said Sir Richard and purely and simply resigned and quitclaimed for ever the said altar and chaplainry of the Holy Cross, with all and sundry their fruits, lands, crofts, tenements, annual rents, provents, oblations, annexes, ornaments, and their pertinents whatsoever, in the hands of honorable men, Adam Bully, then provost, and John Crag, one of the bailies of the said burgh, in name of the provost, bailies, councillors, and community of the said burgh, patrons of the said altar or chaplainry, of which altar or chaplainry, with its fruits, rents, and pertinents aforesaid, resignation, as is aforesaid, being made, a discreet man, master Andrew Craggorth, with due instance craved from the foresaid provost, bailies, councillors, and community of the said burgh, for his services, in manyfold ways, to be rendered by him to them, the said altar and chaplainry with the pertinents, and the service thereof to be delivered and bestowed upon him for the whole time of his life. On which request, the foresaid provost, bailies, councillors, and community of the said burgh, being there universally assembled, to the number of one hundred and twenty men burgesses of the said burgh, none of them disagreeing or contradicting, with unanimous consent and assent granted and bestowed the said altar and chaplainry of the Holy Cross, with all and sundry its fruits, crofts, lands, tenements, oblations, obventions, annual rents, ornaments, annexes, and pertinents whatsoever, to the said master Andrew Craggorth, for the whole time of his life, according to the tenor of the charter of gift under their common seal, to be made to him thereupon. Which things being done, the said John Crag, one of the bailies of the said burgh, by mandate and precept of the provost, bailies, councillors, and community of the said burgh, personally passing to the said altar of the Holy Cross with the foresaid Master Andrew and witnesses underwritten, by touching and delivery to the said Master Andrew of book, chalice, ornaments, and horns of the said altar, instituted, inducted, and invested with effect the said Master Andrew into real,

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actual, and corporal possession and institution and investiture of the said chaplainry of the foresaid altar of the Holy Cross, and fruits, lands, tenements, crofts, oblations, prevents, annexes, and pertinents of the same. Of and upon which all and sundry the said Master Andrew asked of me, notary public underwritten, to be made to him one or more public instrument or public instruments, to be corroborated with appending of the seal of the said John Craig, bailie. These things were done within the tolbooth of the burgh of Striveline, the tenth hour or thereabout, before noon, year, day, month, indiction and pontificate as above. Present: a noble lord Gilbert lord Kennedy, Alexander Erskin, son and heir apparent of the said lord le Erskin, Alexander Setoun of Tulybody, Alexander Cuningham of Auchinbowy, Herbert Murray, Thomas Erskin, son of the said lord le Erskin, John Brady, David Murray, Richard Mure, Thomas Narne, and Sir Nycholas Franch, curate of the said church.

9 *June*, 1477.

Protest against payment of custom on wood.

In presence of the provost, bailies, councillors, and community of the burgh of Striveline, it was solemnly protested that the ward made by them, there in their court, anent payment of the custom of wood and timber (lignorum et maremii) going forth at the port of the said burgh, should not fall to them in prejudice as to their liberty of burgh. Present: Herbert Murra, Matthew Forestar, Duncan Fraser, Alexander Muschet, James Dawsoun, Alexander Nortoun.

Contract of marriage.

The same day, it was appointed and agreed between Henry Cutlar and Agnes Darow, that which of them should fail in a contract of marriage, that the party failing should pay to the other party ten pounds for the expenses. Of and upon which John Gallowa, in name of the said Agnes, took instrument. Present: James Dawsoun, William Mure, William Gra, Walter Arkill, and Walter Hony.

19 *May*, 1480.

Protest as to a declaration by a man drowned in water of Teth.

James Nory of Tarbart took instruments that the mother of a certain man, a fugitive (profugi) from him, now dead, publicly declared that, out of the instigation of a malign spirit and great shamefastness, the said man drowned himself in the water of Teth and not through any fault of the said James. Present: John Murray of Tulchadam, James Schaw of Salchy, Thomas Prestoun, master John Malisoun, rector of Kippane, Duncan Forestar, Robert Ray, John Kirkwood, Edward Broys.

26 *May*, 1480.

Purgation by a woman accused of witchcraft.

Thomas Prestoun took instrument upon the presentation of a certain testimonial letter of Mr. John Moffat, official of Dunblane, upon the purgation of a certain

woman therein accused by her spouse upon the art of witchcraft (sortolegii), within the tolbooth of the burgh of Striveline, in the court of the sheriffdom of Striveline, before the aforesaid witnesses. Purgation by a woman accused of witchcraft.

III.—Extracts from Book containing Charters, Protocols, &c., 1544–90.

6 *October*, 1544.

Curia capitalis burgi de Striveling, tenta in preterio ejusdem, per Robertum Forester, prepositum; Johannem Forester, Jacobum Robesoun, et Alexandrum Patirsoun, ballivos, dicti burgi. Curia.

Johannes Cragingelt de eodem electus est in prepositum. Prepositus.

Willelmus Bell, Johannes Grahem, mercator, et Willelmus Forester, electi fuerunt in ballivos. Ballivi.

Johne Cragingelt of that ilk, provest; Robert Forester of Kilyenis, Archibald Spittale. Consull.

William Bell, Johne Graheme, William Forester, baillies; Robert Cousland, dene of gild; Walter Cousland, thesaurair; Alexander Patersoun, Alexander Watsoun, merchandis.

John Forester, David Graheme, Thomas Michell, the said Willyem Bell, craftsmen.

19 *May*, 1545.

Maister Hew Rig, and collectouris of our Soveran Ladijs contribution and taxt: Forsamekill as we, for certane caussis and considerationns moving us, with avis of the lordis of consall, to have remittit and forgevin, and be the tenour heirof remittis and forgevis the provest, baillies, and communite of the burgh of Striveling, of ane hundretht crownis of wecht for thair part of the taxt quhilk is gaderit in this monetht instant: Oure will is, heirfoir, and we charge you to decist and ceis fra all persewing of thaim for the saidis hundretht crownis, frelie gevin and remittit be us, chargeing all and sindrie our officiaris, present and to cum, inlikmaner, that nane of thaim tak upon hand to poind, distrenyie, or leid proces aganis the saidis provest, baillies, and communite for the said soum of ane hundretht crownis, the quhilk sall be thankfull allowance to you in your comptis, ye kepand this discharge for your warrand. Subscrivit with our hand, and lordis of consall, at Striveling, the xix day of Maij, the yeir of God j^{m} v^{c} fourty five yeris. The copy of the discharge of the taxt.

1546.

Be it kend till all men be thir present letteres, me, Sir Laurence Dury, chaplane of the Ruid altar of the paroche kirk of the burgh of Striveling, with Set of the Ruid Croft for nineteen years.

Set of the Ruid Croft for nineteen years.

consent and assent of the provost and ballies of the said burgh, my patronis thairoff, till have sett and in assedatioun lattin, and be thir presentis settis and in assedatioun lattis to my lovittis Thomas Lokert, Katherine Kynros, his spous, thair airis and assignais, that ane halff of the croft callit the Ruid Croft, and to Robert Gothane, Marioun Brown, his spous, and Sir John Brown, hir sone, thair airis and assignais, that uther halff of the said croft, with all thair pertinentis lyand upon the south syde of the said burgh, for all the dayis, space, and termis of nynetene yeris. . . . Payand thairfor yeirly . . . the sowm of aucht pundis usuall money of Scotland.

2 *January*, 1573-4.

Annuals sold to raise money for building town walls, &c.

Till all and sindre quhais knawledge thir present letteres saltocum, the provest, bailleis, and counsall of the burgh of Striveling, greting in God evirlesting, wittis your universiteis that we being togidder convenit in the tolbuith of the said burgh, within the consall hous of the samyn, being ryplie avysit for the common weill of the said burgh, and for reparatioun and building of our commoun werkis, and specialie the wallis of the town foirsaid, for enforsing and strenthing of the same now in this trublus tyme of civile weiris betuix the nobilite of our auin natioun, and for saiftie of our lyffis and guddis, thocht gude and concludit for furnessing of the same to sell and dispone our propir annuallis and obiit silver of our said burgh, and thairfoir to haif sauld and analeit, and be thir presentis sellis and annaleis to our lovit nychtbour Alexander Broune, wobster, his airis and assignais, all and haill ane annuall-rent of sex schillingis yeirlie, usuale money of Scotland, customit and usit to be tane and payit to the Blakfreris as obiit silver of all and haill that tenement of land occupyit be him in the fitt of the Blakfreris Wynd, lyand within the burgh of Striveling upon the north syde of the he passage to the burrow miln, betuix the lands of the larde of Tulch on the eist and the gait on the west, and the lands of Thomas Gib on the south, for ane certane sowme of money payit and delyverit the thesaurar and maister of wark for the tyme for the furnessing and building of our said commoun werkis. . . .

[There are several deeds in similar terms recorded at this time.]

29 *May*, 1581.

Gift to the poor in the Hospital of the piece of the Craigs called the Ruid Brayis.

Till all and sindrie quhome it effeiris to quhais knawlege thir present letteres saltocum, the provest, bailleis, and counsall of the burghe of Striviling, greting in God evirlesting, wit your universeteis that we, according to the dewetie of all guid christianis, being of compassioun and movit with pietie upoun the puir in hospitale

within the said burghe, and willing for thair support, of liberall almous, to bestow ane memorie of our zeall thairupoun: being convenit in the tolbuythe of our said burghe, within the counsall hous of the samyne, the tuentie nyne day of Maij the yeir of God j^{m} v^{c} fourscoir ane yeiris, concludit, decernit, and ordanit that ane chartour be maid be ws to the puire in the said hospitale of all and haill the peice Craigis, callit the Ruid Brayis, lyand within the teritorie of the said burghe and boundit as followis: to haif frielie gevin, grantit, and confermit, lykas be the tennour of this present chartour frelie gifis, grantis, and confermis, as in liberall almous to the puire personis within the hospitall of the said burghe, and thair successoures, and to the said hospitale for evir, all and haill that pairt of the comoun land of our said toun callit the Cragis, upoun the southe side of the said burghe, betuix the comoun dyke of the said burghe upoun the north pairt, the Ruid Croft upoun the south pairt, Kyngis dyke upoun the west, and the nuke of the Grayfreir yairde dyke now pertening to the said hospitale on the eist pairtis . . . Prowyding alwayis that it sall nocht be lesum to the maisteris of the said hospitale to sett nor annalie the foirsaidis Craigis to na maner of persoun or personis by the adwyse of ws and our successouris had thairto, and that the samyne be sett onlie to ane persone be our advyse as said is; and gif they do in the contrair this present to be null and of nane availl . . .

Gift to the poor in the Hospital of the piece of the Craigs called the Ruid Brayis.

6 *February*, 1586.

Till all and sindrie to quhais knawlege this present charter sall to cum, the provest, bailleis, and counsale of the burgh of Striviling, greting in God evirlesting, wit your universeteis that we, being convenit in the tolbuith of the said burgh, the sext day of Februer instant, in counsale, foreseand the weill of the same, and of mind to repaire and big up the said tolbuyth, and to do and performe uther necessar werkis to the decoratioune of the said burghe, quhilk our commone good is not able to do, we thairfoir, efter mature deliberatioune tane, all in ane voce, concludit and be our act of counsale maid the said day determined to sell and annalie the annuellis and obeitis following pertenyng to the said burgh for the soume of seventene merkis vj s. viij d. payit to ws be the rycht honorabill Alexander Erskyn of Gogar at the making heirof . . . Thairfoir to haif sauld and annaleit to the said Alexander and Mergret Home, his spouse [an annual of 17 s. 7 d. Scots, payable as obit silver, furth of his tenement on the east end of the Hiegait], quhilk annuell and obeit silver wes wont to appertene to the alterages of the Ruid and obeitis fundit and erectit within the Rude Kirk of the said burgh.

Annuals sold to raise money for repairing and building up the tolbooth.

IV.—EXTRACTS FROM THE GUILDRY RECORDS.

5 *October*, 1592.

Duncane Patersone, den of gild.

The same day, be commowne election, Duncane Patersone is electit, nominat, and choisin den of gild, to bruik and use the office thairof for this yeir to cum, quha, being personale present, acceptit the same and is sworne *more solito.*

Gild counsall.

The same day, thair are siklyk nominat and choisin be commowne electione the breither eftir specefeit to be on cownsall for this present yeire, and hes gewin thair aythis *more solito:* Duncan Patersone, den of gild; Walter Cowan, Robert Alexander, James Schoirt, George Norwell, Archibald Alexander, Johne Donaldson, Johne Scheirar.

20 *February*, 1592-3.

Stentaris of taxation, &c.

The same day, thair is electit, nominat, and choisin, be common election, for the reid maid of befoir to Peibleis, and the Northeland reid now instant, quhilk extends to fourescoir ten pounds to the breithers pairt—that are to say, Androw Cowan, Johne Donaldsone, James Watsone, John Downie, and George Spittell; and to stent thame Walter Cowan, Normand Blakwood, and William Gillespie.

Anent the visiting of the breithers how thai are in thair armour.

The same day, it is statut that the den of gild, accompanit with sik as he sall think expedient, sall pas and visit the haill breither how they are inarmit and repeirilit in their armor, and to that effect hes nominat Archibald Alexander, James Schoirt, James Watsone, John Scheirair; and the clerk to tak inventor thairoff, conforme to the awld acts, betuix and Peaxe nixtocum, quha sall the tyme of their visitation tak thair aythis to the auld acts.

12 *March*, 1592-3.

Act anent the kirk for keeping of the loft.

The same day, the maist nomber hes statut that everie gildbrother keip Sonday and Thuirsdayis prechings in thair awin loft, onlie sik as are aigit and heiris nocht weill exceptit; and sik as salbe found to contrawein, toties quoties, onforgewin, to pay iij s. iiij d. of unlaw.

[The auditors of Walter Cowan's "compts," March 12, 1592, note that part of the money expended was "in speciall wairit and debursit be him in edefeing of the loft in the kirk for the breither."]

14 *May*, 1593.

Act anent challenging of stapill geir in unfremens hands.

The quhilk day, Chrystie Swoird having challengit certain stapill geir in ane chepmans hands is amerciat in ane unlaw for withhawlding of the same and not presenting and delivering the same to the den of gild immediatlie efter his intromission thairwith; and thairfore ordanis that na brother heirefter intromitt with

ony stapill geir, bot sall present the same to the den of gild or to some speciall honest gildbrother to be adjugit and resawit be the den of gild, under the paine of vj s. viij d. of onlaw, onforgewin.

Act anent challenging of stapill geir in unfremens hands.

3 *June*, 1593.

The quhilk day, anent ane complaint proponit be the den of gild, and that in name and behalf of the haill breither, agains Williame Lawsoine, quha contrair his ayth and lauchfull ordour observit amangs our predecessors for reveiling manifestlie the breithers secreits to unfremen, spoken and proponit in cowrt, and thairfoir efter certane tryall taine thereanent the said Williame become in the breithers willes for his odious offense. The breithers, hawing consideration of the said Wiliames negligence hes ordanit him for this present to ask God forgewance and the breither, and hes actitat him selff that incaice he be fund to committ the lyk heirefter, he to tyn his fredome. As alsua decernis the same puneisment to pas aganis all uthers that sall committ the lyk heirefter.

Act, jugis anent Wm. Lawsoine.

8 *October*, 1593.

The quhilk day, thair are nominat and constitut be the adwyss of the breither, in respect that Duncane Patersone, den of gild, is to depart, God willing, to his veage to the parts of Flanderis, sua that in his plaice there is constitute, with adwyss foirsaid, Jas. Schoirt, quha is to use the office of den of gildrie to his returning.

Den of guild's visit to Flanders.

The same day, the haill townes counsall, understanding the ruinent dangers appeirand and trubles, [agrees] that thair be fywe merchands and fywe of the crafts eikit with the counsall for this present yeir by and attour the compleit nummer foresaid, quhereof the names follows:—George Norwell, James Gardnar, James Watson, John Gaij, George Bruice.

Troublous times.

26 *October*, 1593.

The same day, it is statut that na gild brither depart out of this burgh to ony effaires for the spaice of four days nixt efter this present, under the paine of ten lib. of onlaw, to the quhilk the haill breither consents.

Guild brethren not to leave the burgh.

12 *December*, 1593.

The same day, James Mayne is amerciat with the breither in ane onlaw for treffecking with unfremen, and theirfoir ordains him to pay ten schillings, and incaice he beis funden heirefter to committ the lyk, under ye paines contenit in the auld acts.

Trafficking with unfreemen.

8 *January*, 1593-4.

Quhilk day, are electit and chosin for the present stent of the gild brether for reparation and building up off ye tolbuyth off the said brughe to the sowm off fourscoir

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punds money, viz., James Schort, Johne Gawie, Johne Scherar, Wm. Aysoun, Thomas Watson; and to stent thame again are choisin be common election George Norwell, James Watson, and Archibald Allan; and ordanis this stent to be maid betuix and this day aucht dayes, under the pain of xl s.

Act for the balk.

Quhilk day, it is statut be the den of guild and gildbrethir that quhatsumever parson or parsonnis in tym cuming borrow the use of thair wey balk to wey irone or wther geir, to pay for ilk stane wecht ij d. and to gif and leif ane pleg for redeliverance of the said balk with the said ij d., and alls that the dene off gild causs mak ane pair of fyne brods, according to the balk, and this to be gadirit for uphold of the said balk and brods; this act to extend upon unfremen.

12 *February*, 1593-4.

Stent for appereling the tolbuth.

The quhilk day, the maist number of the breither being convenit for ordour taking with the peyment of the stent to appoynting the tolbuyth, the haill breither present hes promissit to pay thair stent, conforme to thair roll, betuix and xx day of Februarie instant, quhilk feilzeing the contravener to pay x s. of unlaw, and the same to be deliverit to Walter Cowan, and brocht to his boyth, quha is appoyntit resaiver thairoff and maister of work.

1 *May*, 1594.

Stent to the Princes baptism.

The quhilk day, thair is electit, nominat, and choisin stentaris to stent the breither for twa hundreth fyftie merks money, as for the first termes payment of the taxation of ane hundreth thousand pounds grantit to the Princes baptism:—George Norwell, Wm. Aysoun, Johne Fergisoun, younger, Ard. Allane, and Robert Alexander; and to stent thame Normand Blakud, Wm. Gillespie, and George Spittell, and sall convein the third of May at vij hours, under the pain of xl s. of unlaw.

3 *October*, 1594.

Election of the den of gild.

The same day, Duncane Patersone is continowit den of gild for this yeir to cum be commowne election, with consent of the haill breither, quha being present, accepted the same, and sworne *more solito*. And in consideration that he is, God willing, to depart to his veage, James Schoirt is nominat to supplie his plaice, quha siklyk is sworne.

2 *October*, 1595.

Act anent the oklie pence.

The quhilk day, the haill breitherin, all in ane voice, consents to gather ij d. oklie, to be payet be all gild brether, or of gildbrothers wyfs, and all wthers havand the libertie of ane gildbrother within this toun, and this to be gadderit be the den

of gild and his officer for the first moneth; and sua the den of gild to caus tua of his brether, quhome he thinks meit, to gadder it monethlie, ilk tua thair tym about, for the space of thre yeirs, and this to be imploit for the redding of the abbais foird and biging of ane peir. Act anent the oklie pence.

2 *August*, 1596.

The same day, the dene of gild, with consent of the gildbrether, understanding that Johne Burges being commitit in ward brak the same, thairfoir wes ordainet to be put in sure firmance within this toune, thair to remain for the spaice of xxiiij hours, and to pay xiij s. iiij d. befoir his owtcuming for this falt and the preceiding falt. Burges warding.

The same day, it is concludit be the dene of gild and haill gildbrether, that in caiss any gildbrother be commandit and chargit in ward and gif he refus the dene of gild's command, or breck ward without his licence, that the controvenar sall tyne his fredome *ipso facto*. For ward brecking.

The same day, it is concludit be the dene of gild and his brether, that in respect of the evill conveining of the brether to thair courts, they all in ane voice hes ordainit that in tymes cuming they quha ar on the counsall of the toun, gildbrether, sall sett and juge the haill rest of effairis betuix merchand and merchand; and seven of the counsall, being gildbrether, with the dene of gild, to have this power, conforme to the auld acts, and how they decerne the rest gildbrether to stand thairto content. Anent gildbrether conveining to thair courts.

24 *August*, 1596.

The same day, the den of gild is amerciat in ane unlaw of ane quart of wyne, and Johne Hog in ane pynt, for weiring of bonatts in judgment, to wit Scotts bonatts, and ordanis the lyk puneisment to all uthers heirefter. Fine for wearing bonatts.

23 *August*, 1597.

The quhilk day, efter that Thomas Forester being adjugit for defaming of Duncan Paterson, den of gild for the tyme, is convict in calling him ane craftie dessaver, conform to the decreit past thairupon; and thairfoir the den of gild and haill breither for guid ordour in tymes cuming, statutes and ordanis that quhatsumever gildbrother heirefter sall dispersone ane magistrat, aither den of gild or balyie, sall pey twentie pounds money of unlaw, and that unforgiven but contradiction; and referis the bill quhairintill the said Thomas is convict to the session of the kirk, and in speciall the said Thomas to pey the said unlaw *toties quoties*. Defaming the dean.

7 *February*, 1598-9.

Kings stent. Quhilk day, the breithreing with ane consent ar electit stenters for the taxation presentlie imposit be the Kings Majestie for reiking furth of imbassadors, extending to the merchands pairt theirof to £271 15s.

11 *July*, 1600.

Anent the standing on the gait. The quhilk day, it is statut and ordanit be the den of gild and haill gild hreither that all free gildbreither sall haif libertie to stand on the hie gait on the mercat day, with this provision, that they sall haif na tyldit stands nor flaiks foreanent their stand, except ane burd of half ell braid; and gif ony gildbrother contravenis this present ordinance that they sall pay for ilk falt, onforgiven, x s., *toties quoties*.

Minister. The den of gild and gildbreither is voluntarlie aggreit that the minister haif to his adois fourtie merks of the first and reddiest of thair gild fynes.

12 *June*, 1601.

Anent the taking of bouthes rycht over their heids. The quhilk day, it is statut and ordanit be the den of gild and haill gild breither that na gild broder presume to tak ane uther brothers bouthe without his special consent first obtanit thairto, under the paine of tinsell of his fredome that contraveins; and this act to be extendit with all rigor aganis the contravener, and executioun to pas heirupon; and furder, in caice he meine or presume to tak the bouthe, in prejudice of the possessor, he to underlye the same penaltie.

12 *October*, 1602.

For the merkat day anent skynnis. It is ordanit be the den of gild and haill gild breither, that in all tyme cuming that na gild broder within this burgh that sall happin to by ony skynnis or hyds in tyme cuming sall on ony wayis sell the same to ony uther burgessis except gild breither of the burgh of Stirling, and sall not dispone the same by the said gild broder; they sall [cum] with their geir thameself, or send the same with their nychtbour gild broder, under the paine of xx lib. for the first falt, nixt tinsall of thair libertie and fredome; and that na gild broder forestal the merkat nor by skynnis bot upon the merkat day, under the peine of fyve lib. the first falt, and sua furth, *toties quoties;* and this to be extendit anent the merkat day, sua that all gild brither sall be licenciat all the oulk throw to by fra fleschers within burgh, and creilmen that sall happin to cum to thair housses and bouthes, and on Fryday at ewin, bot na wayis licenciat to foirstal tham without burgh, nor to pas to housses within burgh to by thame quhill they first present the merkat on the merkat day, viz., on Setterday; quhairanent thir presentis astrictis all gild breither to incur the paine of

the act foresaid that passes on the merkat ewin to landwart fleschers, or purposlie to pas the toune to meitingis within housses within the burgh on Fryday at ewin.

For the merkat day anent skynnis.

18 *April*, 1603.

The quhilk day, it is voluntarlie aggreit be the den of gild and haill gild breither that quhatsumevir victuall beis bocht be thame, or cum to the port callit Blythis Hoill, sall pay of ilk boll victuall ij d. custom, and siclyk ilk barrell wecht to pay bayth in cuming and passing out ij d., ilk dakir of hyds ij d., and siclyk of all uther merchandise extending to the barrell wecht ij d., incuming and outcuming; ilk sex ston skynnis vj d., ilk thowsand lamb skynnis vj d., ilk thowsand fitfaills, ij d., ilk scoir toddis vj d., twa hundryth gaitis, vj d., ane scoir of otteris xij d.; item, ane dobill pak of clayth ij s., the singill pak, xij d., the toune of wyne xvj d.; to support the schoirgaits; and thir presents to be collectit anent all merchand geir fra the dait of thir presents be James Wallace, merchant, and John Burges, conjunctlie.

Anent custom to the schoir.

10 *April*, 1604.

The quhilk day, Walter Cowane, George Norvell, Alex. Bauchop, Thomas Young, James Robesone, ar chosin stentaris for stenting for the corslattis, quha sall stent the haill breither conforme to the stent roll with all dilligence.

Stentairs for the corsletts.

The quhilk day, it is statut and ordanit be the den of gild and gild brethrein that na person or personis be enterit nor admitit to the fredome of ane gild brother in ony tyme cuming, except thay beis wailyeabill for guids and geir aither of thame fyffe hundirethe punds money, or ells to bear burding in stents and taxations and uthers burdings as ane person worth the said soume of fyve hundireth punds.

For the validitie of gild breider as they be enterit.

18 *June*, 1604.

The same day, it was statut and ordanit that quhatsomevir gild brother wretis cartallis to uther that the wretar of the cartell sall pay the soume of (*blank*) and tyne his fredome, and the resavar of the cartell that acceptis the provocatioun salbe under the lyk paine gif the same be not revelit be the said partie quha acceptis the same.

Anent carttaillis.

25 *June*, 1605.

The quhilk day, the haill breither, all in ane voce, voluntarlie consentit that there sould be payit furth of the comone purs, for support of the nychtbours of Arthe visitit with the present plaig, ane hunderyth merks of the first and reddiest of all thair intromissions with ony thair geir.

For support of Arthe.

27 *June*, 1605.

Mr. Patrik Symsone. Master Patrik Symsone, minister of Goddis word within this burgh, enterit to the libertie of burges and gild gratis.

26 *September*, 1605.

Wechts and elnwands. The samyn day, it is concludit and ordanit be the den of gild and haill gild brethrein present, that the haill wechts and elnwands pertening to the haill merchands and gild brethrein of the said burgh be yeirlie sichtit and tryit in tym cuming; and incais there be ony fault funden thairby, that ilk person that salbe fundin culpabill of the samin sall pay, *toties quoties*, v lib.; and incais the den of gild omit the tryall of the samin yeirlie sall pay x lib.

2 *October*, 1606.

The plague. Johnne Cunnynghame, bailye, be advys of the haill breitherene, for guid service done in tyme of the seiknes of the plaig, admitit and resavit to the libertie of burges and gild.

Andrew Killbullie, sumtyme allacay to his Majestie, for his guid service siclyk in tyme foresaid admittit and resavit to the said libertie of burges and gild.

13 *April*, 1607.

Brewing. The haill gild breither aggreis that thair be aucht pence tane up oulklie of ilk brewing that salbe browin within this burgh.

2 *June*, 1607.

For defraing the cleangyeirs. Stent of twa thousand merks to be resit upon the haill inhabitants within this burgh, for defraing the charge and expenssis of the clengeris, and of the thesaurers super-expenssis, said stent to be resit of the haill inhabitants notwithstanding of the auld custome betuix merchant and craftsman, to the quhilk custome this present act sall mak nawayis derogatioun.

6 *March*, 1609.

Stent for the Illis. The quhilk day, George Norvell, Allex^{r}. Patersone, Johne Johnnestone, and Johne Stewart, was electit stentars for stenting the breithrein for the soume of ane hunderyth merkis for the proclamatioun to the Illis, and the stentars maid thair ayth. To stent the stentars, Allex^{r}. Bauchop, Edward Hall.

29 *May*, 1609.

Clerk relieved of stent. Quhilk day, the den of gild and gild breither, for the gritt pains and travels done be James Wallace, notar, thair clark, and to be done in his office be keeping thair courts and uther thair common adois, discharges the said James in all tym cuming of the payment of ony stent bot of his awin guid will.

1 *October*, 1610.

The quhilk day, the deane of gild and his breither, with avyse of the said proveist and baillies, ratifies and appreves the act maid of befoir upon the second day of August, j^{m} v^{c} fourscoir sextene yeiris, quhairby it is provydit and ordanit that the gildbreither quha ar on the counsall of the toun sall cognosce and juge vpoun the haill effairs of the gildrie betuix merchand and merchand, with this additioun, that in respect the number of the gildbrether on the counsell of the toun is now augmentit, and maid tuelf personis in the haill, quhairas thair wes of befoir allenerlie aucht merchandis, quhairof the deane of gild wes ane—that fra this furth thair salbe aucht of the tuelf merchands quha ar on the counsall of the toun chosin out yearlie out of the samyn tuelf to be on the gild counsall with the deane of gild, and they to haif the full governament in all the effairs of the gildrie betuix merchand and merchand, (except that it sall not be lesom to thame to impoise any taxation or uther stentis upoun the rest of the gildbrether without their awn consentis had and obtenit thairto), and the saids aucht persones to be chosine yeirlie be the haill gildbrether; and forder, it is provydit that it sall not be lesim to the said deane of gild and his said counsall to ressave and admit any gildbrother without consent of the haill gildbrether.

Act anent the gild counsell to settell any turns betuix merchand and merchand.

Duncane Patersone, deane of gild; George Norwall, merchand, Alexander Allane, merchand, Andrew Sandis, merchand, Johnne Johnnestone, merchand, Alexander Patersone, merchand, Alexander Bachope, merchand, Johnne Cunynghame, merchand, Andrew Baird, merchand.

Names of gild council.

9 *November*, 1610.

The custome of the peir and schoir of the burgh of Stirling, with the ankir silver set to William Norie, merchand, for the soum of fyftie punds money, for the space of ane yeir to cum; cautioner thairfoir, Johnn Adamson, notar.

Set of the custom of the peir and schoir.

9 *November*, 1812.

It is ordanit be the dean of gild and his breither that the haill gild breither sall keip the ouk dayis preching, and sall not hold thair bouthe duris oppin efter the third bell, under the pain of vj s. viij d. unforgevin.

Act for keiping of the preiching upoun the oulk dayis.

28 *June*, 1613.

The quhilk day, the haill gildbreither, with advyse and consent of the provest and bailyeis present, ordanis Johne Scherar, our den of gild, accompaniet with Johne Cowane, merchand, to pas to the generall convention of borrowis quha ar to conveine at the burgh of Dumbar, the saxt day of Julij nixtocum, to gif ansuer to that

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heid of the missive concerning the supplicatioun gevin in be George Drummond, deacone of the skynners, at the conventioun of Arbrothak last, in yeir of God 1612, and thair be Goddis grace, in the name of the haill gildbreither merchantts of this burgh, to mentine and defend the auncient and lowabill use and custome of this burgh, fredome and previlagies of the merchand gildrie thairof, allowit and warrandit be the laws of the cuntrie and actis of parliament, quhairin the merchand gildrie of this burgh has ewir beine in use, prattik, and possessioun, without onie lauchful interruption be craftsmen past memorie of man, and to gif in ressonis be informatioun to the honorabill and wys comissioneris of the burrowis at the said convention, quhas wisdome and prudencie we houp will pleis wyslie to considder off the ancient qualitie and estait of our said gildrie, quha willinglie wilbe laithe to medle thairwith with our auin consentis; and this testificatioun we will and ordanis our clark of the said gildrie to gif owt and subscryve at our comands, to the quhilk the haill gildbreither in ane voce giffis thair full consent.

6 *September*, 1613.

Ryding of the faire.

The quhilk day, it was ordanit be the den of gild and gildbreither that at the ryding of the faire of Stirling the first faire, that the haill gildbreither ilk faire sall ryd xx, and that thair salbe taine furth of the haill gildbreither for that effect xl, and quha rydis the ane yeir sall not ryd the uther.

9 *November*, 1613.

Aganis gildbreither gratis.

The same day, the haill gildbreither statuts that na gild brother, in quhatsumewir estait, gentill or sempill he be, that be admittit to the libertie of gild gratis, bot salbe resauit onlie during thair lyftyme, secludand all thair posteritie fra the libertie efter thair predecessors deceis.

4 *April*, 1617.

For keiping the prechin.

The quhilk day, it was statut and ordanit be the den of gild and haill breither that all gildbreither sall obserue and keip the preching, bayth befoir none and eftir none, and lykwayis upon the oulk day as Sabbath day, under the paine of xl d. ilk absent, and that unforgevin; and it is ordanit that na blew bonnetts, blak bonnetts, present the kirk, nor yet gray cloiks, under the lyk paine of xl d.

4 *August*, 1617.

For the den of gild.

The quhilk day, the haill breither of gild allowis to the den of gild the borrowing of fyftie punds money to advancement of the banket to his Majesties servands.

6 *August*, 1621.

[Andro Hagy, Walter Stirling, and William Donaldsone, ordered to leave off the trade of buying and selling wool within the burgh in time coming, "bot sa mikill as thair famely sall work in thair awin houses, under the paine of confiscatioun thairof be order of law."] **Persons discharged from trading in wool.**

[Alexander Schort and Thomas Jaffray fined for failing to compear before the court.] **Not appearing before court**

[James Robesone, bailie, fined xl s. for John Crawfurd, chapman, (for whom he was cautioner), failing to enter as burges and gildbreither.] **Failing to enter burgess, &c.**

27 *August*, 1621.

The quhilk day, it is ordened that the nixt merkat daye enseuine, quhilk is Settirdaye, that a proclamatioun be maid at the mercat cross of this burghe that all yairne [be] broght into the mercat, and sauld, oppinly or secreitly, in tyme cuming bot with the lang reille, that is to saye that it be fyve quarters lang, and euery cutt thairof to be six scoir threiddis, under the paine of confiscatioune of the yairne that beis fund in schorter hespis, and the buyer thairof also to be punished be uplifting ane unlaw; and also ordanis that na chapman nor na uther buye any yairne in the shreffdome bot thai also be astricted to bring it into the mercat of this burghe for trayell of the said reill to be according to the ordinance, under ye pain of xx lib. ilk fault; and for better attendance in trayell of the same ordanis the den of gild to mak ane reill of iron of fyve quarters bredth, and to be reddy in the mercat for the trayell thairof. **Yairne.**

3 *July*, 1623.

[Ten marks gevin to William Hendersone, son and heir of umquhile Andro Henderson, burges, to transport him to Danskin.] **Gildbrother's son.**

19 *July*, 1624.

[No charges of lawburrows to be raised without just and lawful cause of offence, which shall first be tried before the dean of gild and his council or the provost and bailies.] **Lawburrowis.**

5 *April*, 1625.

The same day, Robert Browne and Thomas Andersone being convenit for wearring of thair bonats at ane special tyme quhen thair factors of Campheir was in this burghe, viz., the said Robert with ane blak bonat, and the said Thomas with ane bleu bonat, the den of gild and gildbreither ordanis the said Robert to pay fourtie shillings, and Thomas Andersone tuentie shillings. **Wearing bonnats.**

28 *May*, 1627.

Muster day. The samin day, Alex. Allane, deput to Johne Cowane, den of gild, is ordanit to carye the merchand's ansenzie wpone the tuelt day of Junij nixtocum, quilk is the muster day of this burghe.

Mr. Joseph Lowrye, minister, enterit gratis. The samin day, Mr. Joseph Lowrye, minister of the said burghe, is resavit to the fredome and libertie of burges and gild with the gildrie of this burgh, gratis, and has maid faythe as wse is.

6 *October*, 1630.

Guildry's ring, &c. [The auditor's report on John Cowane's accounts, after dealing with the financis, goes on to say that John Cowane had delivered to his successor in office, David Stevenson,] the gild box, with twa keyes, ane gild kist with the auld wreats and evidents perteining to the said gildrie, with ane auld handsenzie and twa pinsells, ane great wey baak, and ane irne elwand, and within the said gild box ane gild ring, set with sundrie cullers of stanes, the auld gift of the gildrie, with ane extract of ane gift of umquhill King David, under the subscription of umquhill Wm. Litstar, with ane great bunshe of uthir wreats perteining to the said gildrie.

19 *March*, 1632.

Minister. The quhilk day, the den of gild and gildbreither having conveinit concerning the electione of ane minister, the den of gild and bretherin consents that Mr. Hendrye Gwthrie, minister at Gwthrie, be dealt with to cum heir to this toune to preache, and to be hard quhill farder advysment.

4 *February*, 1633.

Act of ane mortclaythe. The same day, it is condescendit be the breither of this gildrie that Johne Cowane, den of gild, as occasione servs, sall caws buy ane velvet mortclayth for the wse of the gildry of this burghe.

31 *March*, 1634.

Act anent the handsenzie. The same day, it is statute and ordanit be the den of gild and gildbreither that with all convenient diligence thair be ane handsenzie bocht and maid to the wse of the gildrie, of the ordinar cullours of rid and yallow, wrocht in sea wallis with ane qwhyt S. Androw's cross frome nuik to nuik.

11 *July*, 1634.

To Johne Norvell xxix lib. [The dean of guild appointed to give John Norvall £29, "for his support to go into Ingland to crave in his debts."]

18 *September*, 1635.

The same day, the den of gild and gildrie having now made ane velvet mortclaythe for the use of the gildrie and gildbreither of this burghe quha hes maid payment for thair fredome and libertie with the gildrie, and now having considerit that thair is swndrie gratis gildbreither within this burghe, heirfoir it is now statute and ordanit that na gratis gildbrother, ather bygane or to cum, sall have no benefit of the same to covir their corps, bot that the same clayth sall pertene onlye to the wse of the gildbreither, present and to cum, quha hes payit and payis for their libertie allanerlye.

Act anent the mortclaythe to gratis gildbrether.

11 *May*, 1637.

The same day, the den of gild having regraiteit of the disobedience of the breithren that ar wairnit to ryd to burialls with the magistrats, heirfoir it is now ordanit be the den of gild and gildrie that in tyme cuming the breithren sall give obedience as they ar orderlie wairnit about to ryd with the den of gild, ilk gildbrother being lawfullye wairnit under the paine of fourtie shillings, the den of gild alwayes peyand their hors hyres when the said den be his will sall caus warne.

Act anent the ryding to burialls and uther pairts.

26 *July*, 1638.

The same day, the den of gild and gildbreither being conveinit for taking tryall how the brether ar in thair armor, and heirfore it is ordanit that ilk gildbrother be in redines in guid and sufficient armor betuix and this day fiftene dayes, under the paine of fyve punds, viz., ather with pick, corslet, and sword, or ells with ane sufficient muskat, furnissit with bandolars, stalfe, poulder, bullat, and sword.

Act concerning armor.

4 *November*, 1640.

The same day, it is statute and ordaynit be the den of gild and gildrie of this burghe that na gildbrother within the same sall travell on the Sabbothe day, fra this furthe, under the payne of fourtie shillings *toties quoties*, and that by and attour the kirk censer.

Act anent travelling on the Sabboth day.

10 *May*, 1647.

The quhilk day, it is statut and ordainit that everie gildbrother provyd ane halbert and have the same in his buithe, and those that wantis buithes to have it in thair housses, within twentie dayes nixt efter the dait heirof, at quhilk tyme the deane of gild sall cause tryalls, and try ye same, ilk persone under the payne of fyve punds.

Act anent halberts.

30 *September*, 1647.

Anent the exsise of tubacco.

The quhilk day, it is ordanit be the deane of gild and counsall present, that the haill bretheren, retailleris of tubacco within this burgh, wha hes bocht the same without the toun in ony place in the countrey sen the 20 day of March last, sall give up a note of the persones names fra whom they bocht the same, and quhat quantitie they did buy thairof frae tyme to tyme, and that betuix this and Monday next at viij hours in the mornyng, with certificatioun gif they do not declare the same they sall be haldin as the only importeris thairof and compellit to pay exsise for the same, conforme to the act of exsise.

4 *October*, 1647.

Anent sitting in the merchands seatt.

The same day, it is ordanit that quhatsumever of the brethren wha have not a propper seatt within the kirk sall sitt in tyme cuming in any uther pairt of the kirk but the propper place, being the merchandis seatt, they sall pay, *toties quoties*, if they transgresse, ane unlaw of six shillinges viij d., and that as weill weik dayes as Sabboth dayes, as also the lyk unlaw in cais any of them salbe fund to open thair booth dores in the tyme of sermon.

15 *February*, 1648.

Act anent the changing of the mercat day.

The quhilk day, anent the act of the general assemblie for changing of the mercat day of this burgh from the Saterday, in respect of the Sabboth, to ane other day of the weik, the dean of gild, with the baillies above-written and most pairt of the haill gildrie present, they all in ane voice, in obedience and respect to the said act of general assemblie did nominat and chuse Fryday in tyme cuming to be the mercat day of this burgh in stead of the Saterday, and ordanit the deane of gild to mak repoirt thairof to the toun counsall.

9 *October*, 1650.

Act anent the merchands seatt and wearing of bonnettis.

The quhilk day, the deane of gild, and maist pairt of the haill gildbrethrein present, ratifies and approves the former acts of gildrie, efterspecifeit, viz., ane act anent the keiping of the kirk and merchands seatt, of the dait the first day of December, 1623, withe this additioun, that no gildbrether cum to the kirk nather with blew nor black bonnettis, nor wear the same nather within nor without the toun in tyme cuming, nor cum to the kirk with gray cloakes of cuntrey cloathe, and that under the paine of the soume of xiij s. iiij d. for ilk fault *toties quoties*.

23 *August*, 1659.

The said day, the deane of gild representit to the brethren of the gildrie present that it wes found verie necessarie that ane loft sould be erectid and builded in the eistmost end of the westmost church in this burgh, for accommodating the gildrie with conveinient seattis for attending God's worship; lykas he signifiet that the kirk sessioun had alreadie condescendit to permitt the said loft to be built. The brethren, considering the necessitie of the work, doe condiscend that the said loft be erectit and built for their use and accommodatioun in the church upon the expenssis of the gildrie, to be payit by thair thesaurer out of thair common purse.

Ane loft condescendit to be built in the westmost church.

8 *September*, 1666.

[The dean of guild signified to the brethren present that the town council, upon good information and report made to them of the good life, conversation, and qualifications of Mr. John Hay, minister at Govan, had resolved to call him as second minister in place of the late Mr. Kinnier, and appointed that the guildry and several incorporations be acquainted therewith, that if any had aught to say against the said Mr. John it might be reported to the council; and it being put to voite, it was be plurality of voices concluded that they had nothing to say against Mr. John, but desired that they might hear him preach before he was called.]

Report anent Mr. John Hay.

17 *October*, 1668.

[The guildry agree to the calling of Mr. Patrick Murray "wha preached in this congregation those tua Sabbathes past," to be second minister.]

Anent Mr Patrick Murray.

30 *September*, 1671.

[The treasurer ordained to provide John Buchanan with clothes, and board him at the college of Glasgow, at the guildry's expense.]

Guild-brother's son sent to college.

14 *July*, 1677.

[In consequence of gildbrethren's eldest and second sons refusing to ride the third fair, and bearing the standard thereof, it was resolved that those who had not entered would lose the benefit of their father's freedom if they refused in future, and those who had entered would be mulct in £300 Scots, while guild-brethren would have to pay £50.]

Riding the third fair.

30 *October*, 1680.

[In view of the approaching visit of the Duke of Albany, the guildry agreed to get 14 partisans made to give him a proper reception.]

Visit of Duke of Albany.

12 *February*, 1681.

Charter of Charles II.

[His majesty having given the provost, magistrates, and toun council, power to levy 20 s. Scots on every boll of malt brewed, sold, or retailed within the burgh, or (optionally) 2 d. upon every pint of ale, for 17 years, in order to pay the public debts of the burgh, the guildry approved of the procuring of the gift upon the express conditions that the 20 s. may be reduced to 13 s. 4 d., and that the guildry may be free of assessed public burdens, ministers' stipends, and drummer and piper's fees during the whole continuance of the gift, and of militia expenses at the expiry of four years.]

6 *September*, 1683.

The test.

[Test taken by the brethren on their knees, they repeating the words as it was read by the town clerk.]

2 *October*, 1686.

Election of town council forbidden.

[Act continuing the dean of gild, in consequence of his Majesty's letter forbidding the election of magistrates and council, and ordering the present council to continue in office until his Majesty signify his further pleasure.]

5 *April*, 1693.

Trading of lieut.-governor of Stirling Castle.

[The dean and council having received information that Lieut. Col. John Erskine, lieutenant governor of Stirling Castle, being only an honorary burgess and gild-brother, had upon that pretext taken upon him to traffic in all sorts of merchant wares, recommend Provost Dick, the commissioner to the current parliament, to take advice of the commissioners from other burghs, or the most knowing and experienced merchants amongst them, what would be the most proper means to be used by the guildry for suppressing and stopping the governor's trafficking, and also, if need be, to take the advice of a lawyer.]

20 *January*, 1694.

The new levy.

[The town council having asked the guildry to recommend the best and easiest way of raising and "outreiking" the town's proportion of the new levy (being seven men), the guildry remit back to the council to take such methods as they shall think most fit and expedient, and declare their willingness to pay their proportion of the expense.]

3 *March*, 1696.

African trade.

[Two acts of parliament having been passed (26th June and 17th July, 1695), granting special privileges to a company for trading in the East and West Indies,

the Straits, and the coast of Africa, and for allowing burghs and incorporations to join the company, the guildry, seeing that several burghs had given considerable sums of money for carrying on the Indian and African trade, and that in all probability it would contribute to the advantage as well as honour of the guildry to join and unite with the said company, unanimously voted £200 sterling for that purpose. Bond of association signed on 27th April.] **African trade.**

30 *December*, 1696.

The quhilk day, the said provost having conveened the gild council upon receipt of a lyne from the den of gild, who is for present at Edinburgh for defence of the gildrie's priviledge against the trades, for sending east to Edinburgh King David's chartore in favoures of the gildrie, with the great ring gifted by him to them for evidencing the antiquitie and right of the gildrie, the said gild council have instantlie delivered to David Moir, servitor to the said dean of gild, ane attested double of the foresaid chartore, with King David's ring, as also ane principal charter, granted by King James to the guildrie, that the same may be produced to the effect foresaid. **King David's ring. Act for sending some of the gildrie's evidents to Edinburgh.**

26 *February*, 1698.

[The advice of the guildry having been asked by the town council as to the casting down and repairing of the tolbooth steeple and taking in a ruinous tenement on the east side, belonging to the hospital, they approved thereof, and consented to the continuance of the merk upon the boll of malt by way of voluntary offer, so far as they were concerned, to the cost of the necessary work.] **Tolbooth steeple.**

14 *October*, 1704.

[Unfreemen forbidden to take fore-shops in case gildbrethren may give as much for them as unfreemen really pay or offer to pay.] **Foreshops.**

10 *September*, 1705.

[The brethren refuse the desire of the mechanics to erect a loft above the scholars' loft, as being prejudicial to their accommodation in the kirk, and as it will also be prejudicial to the poor of the kirk of Stirling.] **Mechanics' loft in the church.**

10 *May*, 1707.

[The town council having offered a purse of silver to be run for on the fair-day (in order to assert their rights), the gildrie agree to give a gold ring to be ridden for at the ring by the dean and other twelve gildbrethren and any strangers who shall think fit to ride therefor. The dean and treasurer to put what motto shall be most proper on the said ring.] **Gold ring to be tilted for at the fair.**

31 *December*, 1718.

Cutting for the stone.

[£36 Scots allowed to defray part of the expense of cutting a guildbrother's son in Dalkeith for the stone. Two additional grants were subsequently made for the same purpose.]

9 *March*, 1724.

New weights.

[The treasurer to send the standard of the guildry's old weights to Edinburgh to be adjusted conform to the weight used for weighing Scotch and Dutch merchant goods, and likewise to get made a fine sufficient small baulk for weighing 4 lb. weights or thereby.]

14 *January*, 1731.

Provision for third minister.

[From a statement of what the council had done in regard to providing church accommodation, it appears that they offered the present ministers of the place a sufficient gratification if they would undertake to preach in both churches, which they refused to do. Then they tried if such improvements could be made on the east church as would afford accommodation to those wanting seats, but it was found after inspection by skilled persons that this could not be done. A remit was afterwards made to a committee (consisting of members of all the incorporations in the burgh) to consider how a lasting fund should be provided for payment of a yearly stipend to a third minister, which committee reported that in their opinion the stipend should be 1200 merks Scots, payable out of the converted multures, and further suggested that for better security the converted multure should be perpetuated at 18 s. 8 d. Scots for each boll of malt, being the present rate. The guildry adopted the recommendations, and passed an act thirling themselves and their successors of new to the common mills, viz., the bridge and the burgh mills, and binding themselves to pay the converted multure of 18 s. 8 d. per boll of malt, "providing always that the said converted multure shall be applied for payment of the town's debts, second and third ministers' stipends, schoolmasters' salaries, drummers' and pipers' fialls, king's cess, public works of the burgh, and other public burdens, except quartering of the military, watching and warding, and the outputting of persons of men to the militia." The guildry also made a provision that as soon as the town's debts were paid off there should be a reasonable diminution of the converted multures.]

8 *November*, 1735.

The trade in yarn.

[A committee appointed to meet with the weavers for the purpose of drawing up a petition to the trustees for improving the manufactories in Scotland, that they might obtain an act of parliament to regulate the trade in yarn. The weavers'

petition sets forth that by great quantities of insufficient yarn, particularly from the south country, being brought into Stirling and surrounding district, which will neither work nor dye aright, the serges, plaids, and other woollen manufactures—the greatest, if not the principal branch of trade in the burgh and country round about—are much out of request, and have turned to little or no account abroad, and the prices thereof are reduced to one-third less than they gave nine months ago, which, if not speedily prevented, must undoubtedly ruin that great branch of trade, and render many hundreds both in the town and country round, and such as live in the town, to be necessarily burdensome to it. **The trade in yarn.**

Form of petition and proposals read to guildry on the 15th November, and ordered to be laid before the council, with a request to submit it to the trustees, supplicating them to make suitable application for having the aforesaid grievances remedied, and prevented in time coming.]

13 *October*, 1739.

[Instructions to visitors of the market appointed annually:—1. That they detect and complain of all hawkers and travelling chapmen vending and retailing all sorts of merchandise in houses or taverns. 2. That they detect and complain of all tradesmen within the burgh buying and selling any sort of the goods they do not make themselves, such as weavers buying serges in order to sale; skinners buying hides in order to sale without changing the nature of them; tailors selling cloth, silk thread, buckram, mohair, buttons, &c.; and all other tradesmen merchandising, 3. That they discover all merchants within the burgh packing and peiling with unfreemen, viz.: merchants dealing conjunct trade with tradesmen, &c., and also that they discover all country traders buying serges, &c., off the market days.] **Market visitors' instructions.**

21 *June*, 1740.

[The guildry being convened in consequence of an act of council anent the redding of the toun, abbey, and manor fords, appointed a committee to visit the toun ford this afternoon, and report to the council in writing how far the redding of it was practicable.] **Redding of fords.**

5 *December*, 1747.

[The guildry taking into consideration a custom that has prevailed for a long time past of allowing the provost of the burgh when he is first chosen into that office the benefit and dues of the entry payable to the guildry of any stranger who first enters after the choosing of the provost, and as they look upon this to be very detrimental to the interest and common good of the poor of the guildry, and that **Present to the provost discontinued.**

Present to the provost discontinued.

they can find out no just cause or reason why such custom was introduced, they therefore, by plurality of voices, rescind every act or acts of guildry allowing and authorising the said practice or custom, and declare the same void and null and of no effect in time coming.]

V.—LIST OF PROVOSTS, BAILIES, DEANS OF GUILD, DEACON-CONVENERS, TREASURERS, AND TOWN-CLERKS OF THE BURGH OF STIRLING, 1667-1752.

ABBREVIATIONS.—*B.*, Bailies; *D.G.*, Dean of Guild; *D.C.*, Deacon-Convener; *T.*, Treasurer; *C.*, Clerk.

1667-8.—*Provost*—James Stevinsone.
B.—Robert Russell, John Duncane, James Keir, Alexander Jack.
D.G.—James Russell. *D.C.*—John Galloway, taylor.
T.—James Brown. *C.*—James Norie.

1668-9.—*Provost*—James Stevinsone.
B.—Robert Russell, James Keir, Alexander Jack, James Brown.
D.G.—James Russell. *D.C.*—John Galloway, taylor.
T.—Thomas Bachop. *C.*—James Norie.

1669-70.—*Provost*—James Stevinsone.
B.—Robert Russell, James Keir, Alexander Jack, James Brown.
D.G.—James Russell. *D.C.*—John Galloway, taylor.
T.—Thomas Bachop. *C.*—James Norie.

1670-1.—*Provost*—James Stevinsone.
B.—Robert Russell, James Keir, Alexander Jack, James Browne.
D.G.—James Russell. *D.C.*—John Galloway, taylor.
T.—Cristopher Russell. *C.*—James Norie.

1671-2.—*Provost*—James Stevinsone.
B.—Robert Russell, James Keir, Alexander Jack, James Brown.
D.G.—James Russell. *D.C.*—Robert Anderson, baxter.
T.—Cristopher Russell. *C.*—James Norie.

1672-3.—*Provost*—James Stevinsone.
B.—Robert Russell, James Keir, Alexander Jack, Duncan Watson, elder.
D.G.—Duncan Watson, younger. *D.C.*—Robert Anderson, baxter.
T.—John Watsone. *C.*—James Norie.

1673-4.—*Provost*—Robert Russell.
B.—James Keir, Duncan Watsone, younger, Cristopher Russell, Thomas Bachope.
D.G.—Duncan Watson, elder. *D.C.*—Robert Anderson, baxter.

1673-4.—*T.*—John Watsone. *C.*—James Norie.

1674-5.—*Provost*—Robert Russall.

B.—James Keir, Duncan Watsone, Cristopher Russall, Thomas Bachop.

D.G.—Duncan Watsone, elder. *D.C.*—Robert Anderson, baxter.

T.—Walter Paitersone. *C.*—Oliver Murray.

1675-6.—*Provost*—Robert Russall.

B.—James Keir, Duncane Watsone, younger, Cristopher Russall, Johne Watsone.

D.G.—Duncane Watsone, elder. *D.C.*—Robert Anderson.

T.—Walter Patersone. *C.*—Oliver Murray.

1676-7.—*Provost*—Robert Russall.

B.—Cristopher Russall, Johne Watsone, George Lapslie, David Miller.

D.G.—Duncane Watsone, younger. *D.C.*—Robert Anderson.

T.—John M'Nair. *C.*—Oliver Murray.

1677-8.—*Provost*—Robert Russall.

B.—Cristopher Russall, George Lapslie, David Miller, John M'Cullo.

D.G.—Duncane Watsone, younger. *D.C.*—Robert Anderson, baxter.

T.—John M'Nair. *C.*—Oliver Murray.

1678-9.—*Provost*—Robert Russall.

B.—Duncane Watsone, younger, Christopher Russall, George Lapslie, David Millar.

D.G.—John M'Culloch. *D.C.*—John Lowrie, hammerman.

T.—Thomas Miller, younger. *C.*—Oliver Murray.

1679-80.—*Provost*—Robert Russall.

B.—Duncan Watsone, younger; Christopher Russall, David Millar, John Stirling.

D.G.—John M'Culloe. *D.C.*—John Dick, hammerman.

T.—Thomas Miller, younger. *C.*—William Rind.

1680-1.—*Provost*—Robert Russall.

B.—David Millar, John M'Cullie, John Stirling, Alexander Stewart.

D.G.—Christopher Russall. *D.C.*—John Dick, hammerman.

T.—John Martin. *C.*—William Rind.

1681-2.—*Provost*—Hughe Kenedie of Shelloch.

B.—John M'Cullie, Alexander Stewart, Alexander Christisone, Thomas Millar, younger.

D.G.—Christopher Russall. *D.C.*—John Dick, hammerman.

T.—John Martin. *C.*—William Rind.

1682-3.—*Provost*—Hughe Kennedie of Shelloch.
B.—Christopher Russall, John Stirling, Alexander Christisone, Thomas Miller, younger.
D.G.—John M'Culloe. *D.C.*—John Dick, hammerman.
T.—Alexander Barclay. *C.*—William Rind.

1683-4.—*Provost*—Robert Russall.
B.—Christopher Russall, John Burd, James Fergusone, James Burne.
D.G.—John M'Culloe. *D.C.*—Alexander Turnbull, baxter.
T.—James Millar. *C.*—William Rind.

1684-5.—*Provost*—John M'Culloe.
B.—John Stirling, Alexander Christisone, John Burd, James Fergusone
D.G.—Thomas Miller. *D.C.*—John Lourie, hammerman.
T.—James Millar. *C.*—William Rind.

1685-6.—*Provost*—John M'Culloch.
B.—John Stirling, Alexander Chrystisone, Thomas Miller, James Kair.
D.G.—James Russall. *D.C.*—John Lourie, hammerman.
T.—John Moir. *C.*—William Rind.

1686-7.—*Provost*—Hugh Kenedye of Shelloch.
B.—Robert Johnstowne, James Browne, Thomas Millar, John M'Knair.
D.G.—Alexander Jack. *D.C.*—John Dick.
T.—John Moir. *C.*—James Norie.

1687-8.[1] Sept. 19.—Former magistrates continued by order of privy council.
Oct. 31.—John Moir elected bailie in room of Thomas Millar, resigned. David Moir elected treasurer.

1688-9.[2]—*Provost*—Hugh Kennedye of Shelloch.
B.—Robert Johnstone, James Browne,[3] John M'Nair, John Moir.
D.G.—John Dick. *D.C.*—James Graham, hammerman.
T.—David Moir. *C.*—James Norie.

1689-90.—*Provost*—Hugh Kennedye of Shelloch.
B.—Christopher Russall, Alexander Chrystisone, James Keir, John M'Gowan.
D.G.—John Steivensone. *D.C.*—James Graham, hammerman.
T.—Alexander Edmondstone. *C.*—James Norie.

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[1] See p. 52.
[2] See p. 54.
[3] At the poll election on 3rd June, 1689, Alexander Chrystison was appointed a bailie in room of James Browne, see pp. 55-60.

1690-1.—*Provost*—John Dick.

B.—Thomas Miller, John Burd, John M'Gowan, Alexander Edmondston.

D.G.—John Moir. *D.C.*—James Graham, hammerman.

T.—James Laurie. *C.*—James Norie.

1691-2.—*Provost*—Hugh Kennedy.

B.—Alexander Edmonston, John Harlay, Thomas Wordie, David Moir.

D.G.—Thomas Millar. *D.C.*—James Russall, baxter.

T.—James Laury. *C.*—James Norie.

1692-3.—*Provost*—John Dick.

B.—John Moir, John Harlay, Thomas Wordie, David Moir.

D.G.—Thomas Miller. *D.C.*—James Russall, baxter.

T.—Robert Ferguson. *C.*—James Norie.

1693-4.—*Provost*—John Dick.

B.—Thomas Miller, James Keir, John Moir, John Williesone.

D.G.—David Moir. *D.C.*—James Russall, baxter.

T.—Robert Fergusone. *C.*—James Norie.

1694-5.—*Provost*—John Stevensone.

B.—John Burd, John M'Nair, James Baird, Robert Fergusone.

D.G.—John M'Gowane. *D.C.*—James Russall, baxter.

T.—William Cowane. *C.*—James Finlaysone.

1695-6.—*Provost*—John Steivensone.

B.—John Burd, John Harley, Mr. Francis Napier, John Morison.

D.G.—John M'Nair. *D.C.*—James Russall, baxter.

T.—William Cowane. *C.*—James Finlaysone.

1696-7.—*Provost*—Mr. Francis Napeir.

B.—John M'Nair, John Morisone, James Chrystie, Andrew Thomsone.

D.G.—Harye Chrystisone. *D.C.*—John Laurie, hammerman.

T.—Thomas Gillespie. *C.*—James Finlaysone.

1697-8.—*Provost*—Mr. Francis Napeir.

B.—Robert Johnstone, James Chrystie, Andrew Thomsone, John Don.

D.G.—Harie Chrystisone. *D.C.*—John Laurie, hammerman.

T.—Thomas Gillespie. *C.*—James Finlaysone.

1698-9.—*Provost*—John Stevensone of Knockhill.

B.—Robert Johnstone, John Don, Harye Chrystisone, John Allane.

D.G.—William Cowan. *D.C.*—John Laurie, hammerman.

T.—James Gib. *C.*—James Finlaysone.

1699-1700.—*Provost*—John Stevensone.

B.—James Chrystie, Harie Chrystisone, John Allane, Thomas Gillespie.

D.G.—Alexander Bachop. *D.C.*—John Laurie, hammerman.

T.—James Gib. *C.*—James Finlaysone.

1700-1.—*Provost*—Mr. Francis Napier.

B.—James Chrystie, John Done, Thomas Gillespie, William Lisk.

D.G.—Alexander Bachop. *D.C.*—John Laurie, hammerman.

T.—Michall Dounie. *C.*—James Finlaysone.

1701-2.—*Provost*—Mr. Francis Napier.

B.—John Don, Harie Christie, John Allane, William Leask.

D.G.—James Chrystie. *D.C.*—Robert Duncan, flesher.

T.—Michall Dounie. *C.*—James Finlaysone.

1702-3.—*Provost*—John Stivensone of Knockhill.

B.—James Chrystie, Harye Chrystisone, John Allane, Thomas Gillespie.

D.G.—William Leask. *D.C.*—John Anderson, baxter.

T.—Patrick Stivensone. *C.*—James Finlaysone.

1703-4.—*Provost*—Mr. Francis Napier.

B.—James Chrystie, Thomas Gillespie, Edward Jervay, Robert Stivensone.

D.G.—William Leask. *D.C.*—John Andersone, baxter.

T.—Patrick Stivensone. *C.*—James Finlaysone.

1704-5.—*Provost*—Mr. Francis Napier.

B.—John Don, William Leask, Edward Jervay, Robert Stivenson.

D.G.—James Chrystie. *D.C.*—William Allan, taylor.

T.—Alexander Jaffray. *C.*—James Finlaysone.

1705-6.—*Provost*—Colonell John Erskine of Carnock.

B.—James Chrystie, John Allane, Thomas Gillespie, William Leask.

D.G.—Edward Jervay. *D.C.*—William Allan, taylor.

T.—Alexander Jaffray. *C.*—James Finlaysone.

1706-7.—*Provost*—Col. John Erskine of Carnock.

B.—James Chrystie, John Don, John Allan, Thomas Gillespie.

D.G.—William Leask. *D.C.*—John Archbald, hammerman.

T.—Joseph Hunter. *C.*—James Finlaysone.

1707-8.—*Provost*—Col. John Erskine, depute governour of Sterling Castle.

B.—John Don, elder, William Leask, James Russall, Alexander Burd.

D.G.—James Chrystie. *D.C.*—John Archbald, hammerman.

T.—Joseph Hunter. *C.*—James Finlaysone.

1708-9.—*Provost*—Col. John Erskine.
B.—James Chrystie, William Leask, James Russall, Alexander Burd.
D.G.—John Don. *D.C.*—John Andersone, baxter.
T.—Harie Chrystie. *C.*—James Finlaysone.

1709-10.—*Provost*—James Chrystie.
B.—James Watsone, John Don, younger, Harie Chrystie, Patrick Gillespie.
D.G.—William Leask. *D.C.*—John Andersone, baxter.
T—James Morisone. *C.*—James Finlaysone.

1710-11.—*Provost*—James Chrystie.
B.—Thomas Gillespie, William Leask, Henrie Chrystie, Patrick Gillespie.
D.G.—John Don, clerk of the shyre. *D.C.*—John Litlejohn, flesher.
T.—James Morisone. *C.*—James Finlaysone.

1711-12.—*Provost*—Col. John Erskine, deputy governor of Sterling Castle.
B.—Thomas Gillespie, William Leask, James Russall, Alexander Burd.
D.G.—John Don. *D.C.*—John Littlejohn, flesher.
T.—William Burges. *C.*—James Finlayson.

1712-13.—*Provost*—Col. John Erskine.
B.—James Russall, Alexander Burd, Harie Chrystie, Patrick Gillespie.
D.G.—Patrick Stevenson of Knockhill. *D.C.*—John Laurie, hammerman.
T.—William Burges. *C.*—James Finlaysone.

1713-14.—*Provost*—James Chrysty.
B.—Thomas Gillespie, William Leask, Hary Christy, Patrick Gillespie.
D.G.—Patrick Stivenson. *D.C.*—John Lowrie, hammerman.
T.—James Burn. *C.*—James Finlaysone.

1714-15.—*Provost*—James Christy.
B.—Thomas Gillespie, William Leask, Alexander Burd, Mr. John Martine.
D.G.—John Don, sheriff-clerk. *D.C.*—John Littlejohn, flesher.
T.—James Burn. *C.*—James Nicoll.

1715-16.—*Provost*—Col. John Erskine of Carnock.
B.—Alexander Burd, Hary Christie, Mr. John Martine, David Gillespie.
D.G.—John Don, sheriff-clerk. *D.C.*—William Allane, taylor.
T.—John Muirhead. *C.*—James Nicoll.

1716-17.—*Provost*—Col. John Erskine of Carnock.
B.—Thomas Gillespie, Hary Christie, Patrick Gillespie, David Gillespie.
D.G.—Alexander Burd. *D.C.*—William Allan, taylor.
T.—James Wallace. *C.*—James Nicoll.

1717-18.—*Provost*—James Christy.

1717-18.—*B.*—Thomas Gillespy, James Russall, Alexander Burd, Patrick Gillespy.
D.G.—David Gillespy. *D.C.*—Christopher Russall, baxter.
T.—James Wallace. *C.*—James Nicoll.

1718-19.—*Provost*—James Christie.
B.—James Russall, Alexander Burd, David Gillespie, James Wallace.
D.G.—Patrick Gillespie. *D.C.*—Christopher Russall, baxter.
T.—James Littlejohn. *C.*—James Nicoll.

1719-20.—*Provost*—Col. John Erskine of Carnock.
B.—Thomas Gillespie, Hary Christie, David Gillespie, Patrick Gillespie.
D.G.—James Russall. *D.C.*—Christopher Russall, baxter.
T.—James Littlejohn. *C.*—James Nicoll.

1720-1.—*Provost*—Col. John Erskin of Carnock.
B.—James Russall, Harie Christie, James Littlejohn, Robert Wingatt.
D.G.—John Don, sheriff-clerk. *D.C.*—Christopher Russall, baxter.
T.—William Mabone. *C.*—James Nicoll.

1721-2.—*Provost*—Doctor James Johnstone.
B.—John Don, sheriff-clerk, James Littlejohn, Robert Wingate, James Burn, younger.
D.G.—James Russell. *D.C.*—Colline M'Laurie, hammerman.
T.—William Maiben. *C.*—James Nicoll.

1722-3.—*Provost*—Dr. James Johnstone.
B.—James Russall, James Burn, younger, James Wallace, John Galloway.
D.G.—James Littlejon. *D.C.*—Colline M'Lourie, hammerman.
T.—Andrew Wright. *C.*—James Nicoll.

1723-4.—*Provost*—Col. John Erskine of Carnock.
B.—James Littlejon, Robert Wingate, James Wallace, John Galloway.
D.G.—James Burn. *D.C.*—James Buchanan, baxter.
T.—Andrew Wright. *C.*—James Nicoll.

1724-5.—*Provost*—Col. John Erskine of Carnock.
B.—James Littlejon, Robert Wingate, James Burn, Thomas Gillespie. younger.
D.G.—James Wallace. *D.C.*—James Buchanan, baxter.
T.—John Don, younger. *C.*—James Nicoll.

1725-6.—*Provost*—Dr. James Johnston.
B.—James Burn, James Urquhart, Joseph Hunter, William Maiben.
D.G.—Robert Wingate. *D.C.*—James Buchanan, baxter.
T.—Thomas Campbell. *C.*—James Nicoll.

1726-7.—*Provost*—Dr. James Johnston.
B.—James Littlejohn, Robert Wingate, James Urquhart, Joseph Hunter.
D.G.—William Maiben. *D.C.*—James Buchanan, baxter.
T.—Thomas Campbell. *C.*—James Nicoll.

1727-8.—*Provost*—James Littlejohn.
B.—Robert Wingate, James Burn, William Maiben, William Allan.
D.G.—James Urquhart. *D.C.*—James Buchanan, baxter.
T.—Andrew M'Lewham. *C.*—James and David Nicoll.[1]

1728-9.—*Provost*—James Littlejohn.
B.—James Burn, James Urquhart, William Maiben, William Allan, elder.
D.G.—Robert Wingate. *D.C.*—James Buchanan, baxter.
T.—Andrew M'Lewham. *C.*—James and David Nicoll.

1729-30.—*Provost*—Mr. John Erskine.
B.—Robert Wingate, James Urquhart, Joseph Hunter, Andrew Miller.
D.G.—William Allan. *D.C.*—James Buchanan, baxter.
T.—Andrew Muirhead. *C.*—David Nicoll.

1730-1.—*Provost*—John Erskine.
B.—Robert Wingate, Joseph Hunter, William Maiben, Andrew Miller.
D.G.—William Allan. *D.C.*—James Buchanan, baxter.
T.—Andrew Muirhead. *C.*—David Nicoll.

1731-2.—*Provost*—James Littlejon.
B.—William Maiben, William Allan, John Gibb, Andrew Muirhead.
D.G.—Robert Wingate. *D.C.*—James Buchanan, baxter.
T.—James Alexander. *C.*—David Nicoll.

1732-3.—*Provost*—James Littlejon.
B.—Robert Wingate, William Allan, John Gibb, Andrew Muirhead.
D.G.—William Mayben. *D.C.*—Thomas Blackader, hammerman.
T.—James Alexander. *C.*—David Nicoll.

1733-4.—*Provost*—Robert Wingate.
B.—William Mayben, Andrew Miller, James Alexander, James Jaffray.
D.G.—William Allan. *D.C.*—Thomas Blackader.
T—James Stevenson. *C.*—David Nicol.

1734-5.—*Provost*—Robert Wingate.
B.—John Gibb, George Henderson, John Gillespie, Hary Allan.
D.G.—James Alexander. *D.C.*—Thomas Blackader.
T.—James Stivensone. *C.*—David Nicoll.

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[1] James Nicoll and David Nicoll, his son, elected conjunct clerks 24 February, 1728.

1735-6.—*Provost*—Hon. James Erskine of Grange.
B.—John Gibb, James Alexander, John Gillespie, Henry Allan.
D.G.—George Henderson. *D.C.*—John Gilfillan, baxter.
T.—John Cowan. *C.*—David Nicoll.

1736-7.—*Provost*—Hon. James Erskine of Grange.
B.—James Alexander, James Stevenson, Andrew Mershall, John Jaffray.
D.G.—John Gillespie. *D.C.*—John Gilfillan, baxter.
T.—Patrick Stevenson, younger. *C.*—David Nicoll.

1737-8.—*Provost*—Right Hon. Thomas lord Erskine.
B.—John Gillespie, James Stevenson, Andrew Mershall, John Jaffray.
D.G.—James Alexander. *D.C.*—John Gilfillan, baxter.
T.—Patrick Stevenson, younger. *C.*—David Nicoll.

1738-9.—*Provost*—Right Hon. Thomas lord Erskine.
B.—John Gillespie, Thomas Christie, William Danskine, Patrick Stevenson.
D.G.—James Stivenson. *D.C.*—Hugh Lennox, taylor.
T.—Thomas Glen. *C.*—David Nicoll.

1739-40.—*Provost*—Hon. James Erskine.
B.—Thomas Christie, William Danskine, Patrick Stevenson, younger, William Christie.
D.G.—John Gillespie. *D.C.*—Hugh Lennox, taylor.
T.—Thomas Glen. *C.*—David Nicoll.

1740-1.—*Provost*—Hon. James Erskine.
B.—Henry Christie, Henry Allan, William Christie, William Don.
D.G.—Thomas Christie. *D.C.*—Robert Stivenson, flesher.
T.—James Walker. *C.*—David Nicoll.

1741-2.—*Provost*—William Don.
B.—John Gillespie, John Jaffray, William Danskin, Duncan Bachop.
D.G.—William Christie. *D.C.*—Robert Stivenson, flesher.
T.—James Walker. *C.*—David Nicoll.

1742-3.—*Provost*—William Don.
B.—John Gillespie, John Jaffray, Patrick Stivenson, William Christie.
D.G.—William Danskin. *D.C.*—Robert Anderson, baxter.
T.—William Wright. *C.*—David Nicoll; and after his death Thomas Christie, elected 18th April, 1743.

1743-4.—*Provost*—William Christie.
B.—James Alexander, George Henderson, William Danskin, Patrick Stivenson.

1743-4.—*D.G.*—John Jaffray. *D.C.*—Robert Anderson, baxter.
T.—William Wright. *C.*—Thomas Christie.

1744-5.—*Provost*—William Christie.
B.—James Alexander, George Henderson, John Jaffray, William Danskin.
D.G.—Patrick Stevenson. *D.C.*—Walter Stevenson, flesher.
T.—William Grahame. *C.*—Thomas Christie.

1745-6.—*Provost*—James Wallace.
B.—William Maiben, John Gillespie, John Jaffray, Patrick Stevenson.
D.G.—William Danskin. *D.C.*—Walter Stevenson, flesher.
T.—James Neilson. *C.*—Thomas Christie.

1746-7.—*Provost*—James Wallace.
B.—Thomas Gillespie, William Mayben, William Danskin, Patrick Stevenson.
D.G.—John Gillespie. *D.C.*—John Nicoll, weaver.
T.—James Neilson. *C.*—Thomas Christie.

1747-8.—*Provost*—John Jaffray.
B.—Thomas Gillespie, John Gillespie, Robert Bowie, James Jaffray, junior.
D.G.—Patrick Stevenson, junior. *D.C.*—Charles Lyon, cordiner.
T.—Thomas Miller. *C.*—Thomas Christie.

1748-9.—*Provost*—John Jaffray.
B.—John Gillespie, Patrick Stevenson, Robert Bowie, James Jaffray.
D.G.—Thomas Gillespie. *D.C.*—Charles Lyon, cordiner.
T.—Thomas Miller. *C.*—Thomas Christie.

1749-50.—*Provost*—William Christie.
B.—Thomas Gillespie, James Alexander, George Henderson, William Danskin.
D.G.—John Gillespie. *D.C.*—Walter Stevenson, flesher.
T.—Alexander Littlejohn. *C.*—Thomas Christie.

1750-1.—*Provost*—William Christie.
B.—Thomas Gillespie, George Henderson, John Gillespie, Robert Brown.
D.G.—James Alexander. *D.C.*—John Sawyers, baxter.
T.—Alexander Littlejohn. *C.*—Thomas Christie.

1751-2.—*Provost*—John Jaffray.
B.—James Alexander, elder; James Jaffray, John Gillespie, Robert Bowie.
D.G.—George Henderson. *D.C.*—Andrew Turnbull, taylor.
T.—William M'Killop. *C.*—Thomas Christie.

VI.—TABLE SHOWING REVENUE DERIVED FROM

FIRST NEW FAIR.						SECOND NEW FAIR.								
DATE.	Bridge.			Burrowsgate.			DATE.	Bridge.			Burrowsgate.			Staigs.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1667, May 15,	6	7	6	7	11	0	July 22,	12	0	0	11	7	6	...		
1668, ,, 24,	4	3	4	5	12	0	,, 20,	12	0	0	9	0	0	...		
1669, ,, 19,	8	0	0	8	0	0	,, 19,	13	6	8	9	0	0	...		
1670, ,, 11,	6	13	4	6	13	4	,, 19,	36	0	0	9	0	0	...		
1671, ,, 31,	8	0	0	10	0	0	,, 19,	33	0	0	20	6	8	...		
1672, ,, 15,	10	0	0	18	0	0	,, 22,	18	0	0	13	6	8	...		
1673, ,, 7,	7	2	0	7	0	0	,, 21,	21	0	0	12	0	0	...		
1674, ,, 26,	5	2	0	8	0	0	,, 21,	20	0	0	7	10	0	...		
1675, ,, 12,	10	0	0	14	0	0	,, 19,	33	6	8	15	0	0	...		
1676, ,, 3,	6	0	0	2	0	0	,, 14,	22	0	0	12	0	0	...		
1677, ,, 22,	9	0	0	12	0	0	,, 19,	26	13	4	15	0	0	1	0	0
1678,	Not	recorded.					,, 22,	20	0	0	9	0	0	1	0	0
1679, ,, 28,	8	0	0	14	0	0	,, 21,	13	6	8	9	0	0	...		
1680, ,, 19,	6	0	0	12	0	0	,, 19,	20	0	0	12	0	0	1	0	0
1681, ,, 11,	10	13	4	16	0	0	,, 20,	13	6	8	12	0	0	...		
1682, June 7,	6	0	0	12	0	0	,, 19,	13	6	8	12	0	0	...		
1683, May 16,	6	0	0	12	0	0	,, 19,	13	6	8	19	0	0	2	18	0
1684, ,, 6,	6	0	0	10	0	0	,, 21,	26	13	4	17	13	4	...		
1685, ,, 20,	6	0	0	12	0	0	,, 20,	13	6	8	15	0	0	...		
1686, ,, 12,	6	0	0	12	13	4	,, 19,	24	13	4	16	0	0	1	0	0
1687, ,, 4,	6	0	0	12	0	0	,, 19,	24	13	4	16	0	0	1	0	0
1688, ,, 24,	6	0	0	12	0	0	,, 19,	24	0	0	16	0	0	1	0	0
1689, ,, 13,	4	0	0	7	0	0	See p. 61,	22nd July,			1689.			...		
1690, ,, 28,	6	0	0	9	0	0	July 21,	12	0	0	10	0	0	...		

LET OF DUES LEVIABLE FROM FAIRS AND STAIGS.

FIRST OLD FAIR.				SECOND OLD OR LATTER FAIR.			
DATE.	Bridge.	Burrowsgate.	Staigs.	DATE.	Bridge.	Burrowsgate.	Staigs.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Sept. 9,	54 0 0	41 0 0	34 0 0	Oct. 21,	50 0 0	45 0 0	14 0 0
,, 7,	48 0 0	40 0 0	24 0 0	,, 21,	66 13 4	40 0 0	8 0 0
,, 7,	44 0 0	36 10 0	22 0 0	,, 21,	60 0 0	40 0 0	12 0 0
,, 7,	44 0 0	36 0 0	22 0 0	,, 24,	42 0 0	38 8 0	10 13 4
,, 7,	50 0 0	52 6 8	33 13 4	,, 23,	53 6 8	55 0 0	12 0 0
,, 9,	48 0 0	44 0 0	40 0 0	,, 21,	53 6 8	48 0 0	15 0 0
,, 8,	50 0 0	40 0 0	33 6 8	,, 21,	53 6 8	49 0 0	20 0 0
,, 7,	50 0 0	47 0 0	37 0 0	Not	recorded.		
,, 7,	73 6 8	47 0 0	54 13 4	,, 21,	50 0 0	44 0 0	17 0 0
,, 7,	48 0 0	30 0 0	30 0 0	,, 23,	40 0 0	30 0 0	12 0 0
,, 10,	41 0 0	30 6 8	40 0 0	,, 22,	70 0 0	30 0 0	26 0 0
,, 9,	41 0 0	30 0 0	41 6 8	,, 21,	86 0 0	33 6 8	27 6 8
,, 8,	33 6 8	37 6 8	36 13 4	,, 21,	60 0 0	33 6 8	20 0 0
,, 7,	50 0 0	40 0 0	44 0 0	,, 21,	40 0 0	26 13 4	13 6 8
,, 7,	36 0 0	32 0 0	33 6 8	,, 23,	40 0 0	26 13 4	22 0 0
,, 5,	36 0 0	32 0 0	40 0 0	,, 23,	40 0 0	26 13 4	23 6 0
,, 10,	40 0 0	33 6 8	40 0 0	,, 22,	66 13 4	30 0 0	27 6 8
,, 8,	67 0 0	52 13 4	40 0 0	,, 21,	82 0 0	54 13 4	32 6 8
,, 7,	54 0 0	40 0 0	39 6 8	,, 21,	82 0 0	54 0 0	30 13 4
,, 7,	60 0 0	40 0 0	39 6 8	,, 21,	82 0 0	54 0 0	30 13 4
,, 7,	50 0 0	36 0 0	39 6 8	,, 24,	82 0 0	50 0 0	30 13 4
,, 10,	50 0 0	33 6 8	37 0 0	,, 22,	82 0 0	50 0 0	30 13 4
See p. 61,	9th Sept.,	1689.					
Not let.	Dues to be	collected.		,, 21,	66 13 4	40 0 0	20 0 0

VI.—TABLE SHOWING REVENUE DERIVED FROM

FIRST NEW FAIR.			SECOND NEW FAIR.			
DATE.	Bridge.	Burrowsgate.	DATE.	Bridge.	Burrowsgate.	Staigs.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1691, May, 20,	6 0 0	15 0 0	July 21,	16 0 0	12 0 0	2 0 0
1692, ,, 4,	6 0 0	9 0 0	,, 19,	24 0 0	15 0 0	4 0 0
1693, ,, 24,	8 0 0	12 0 0	,, 19,	40 13 4	16 0 0	4 0 0
1694, ,, 16,	8 0 0	12 0 0	,, 24,	30 0 0	16 0 0	2 0 0
1695, ,, 1,	8 0 0	12 0 0	,, 22,	22 0 0	21 6 8	...
1696, ,, 13,	8 0 0	12 0 0	,, 20,	21 6 8	18 0 0	...
1697, ,, 12,	8 0 0	12 0 0	,, 19,	30 0 0	20 0 0	2 0 0
1698, June 1,	9 0 0	12 0 0	,, 20,	30 0 0	20 0 0	1 10 0
1699, May 17,	10 0 0	12 0 0	,, 19,	30 0 0	29 0 0	1 10 0
1700, ,, 8,	12 0 0	10 0 0	,, 22,	33 0 0	26 0 0	5 13 4
1701, ,, 28,	10 0 0	19 0 0	,, 21,	52 0 0	30 0 0	7 0 0
1702, ,, 13,	10 0 0	18 0 0	,, 20,	30 0 0	26 13 4	
1703, ,, 5,	6 13 4	13 6 8	,, 19,	48 0 0	30 0 0	2 0 0
1704, ,, 24,	15 0 0	19 0 0	Not set.		...	...
1705, ,, 16,	12 0 0	16 0 0	July 19,	21 19 0	26 13 4	...
1706, ,, 1,	10 0 0	10 0 0	,, 22,	22 0 0	28 0 0	...
1707, ,, 10,	12 0 0	15 0 0	,, 21,	21 15 10	24 8 8	...
1708,	Not set.		,, 19,	18 0 0	22 0 0	1 0 0
1709, June 1,	12 0 0	15 0 0	,, 19,	21 0 0	20 0 0	...
1710-15,	Not recorded.					
1716, May 9,	13 0 0	12 0 0	,, 19,	26 13 4	20 0 0	...

1716-18.—All the fairs set with other common good for three years for £3,266 13s. 4d. yearly.

1719, and subsequent years.—Set along with customs of Bridge and Burrowsgate. See next Table.

LET OF DUES LEVIABLE FROM FAIRS AND STAIGS—*Continued.*

FIRST OLD FAIR.									SECOND OLD OR LATTER FAIR.								
Date.	Bridge.			Burrowsgate.			Staigs.			Date.	Bridge.			Burrowsgate.			Staigs.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Sept. 7,	60	0	0	36	0	0	50	0	0	Oct. 21,	80	0	0	40	0	0	20	0	0
,, 7,	60	0	0	36	0	0	50	0	0	,, 24,	106	13	4	50	0	0	26	13	4
,, 7,	60	0	0	36	0	0	40	0	0	,, 23,	80	0	0	50	0	0	24	0	0
,, 10,	60	0	0	36	0	0	33	6	8	,, 6,	89	0	0	46	13	4	24	0	0
,, 9,	56	0	0	53	0	0	30	0	0	,, 21,	72	0	0	57	0	0	18	0	0
,, 7,	50	0	0	40	0	0	26	13	4	,, 21,	83	0	0	46	0	0	20	0	0
,, 7,	60	0	0	36	0	0	30	0	0	,, 21,	103	6	8	50	0	0	28	0	0
,, 7,	82	0	0	40	0	0	50	0	0	,, 24,	100	0	0	58	0	0	26	0	0
,, 7,	70	0	0	48	0	0	50	0	0	,, 23,	100	0	0	60	0	0	22	0	0
,, 9,	67	6	8	50	0	0	44	0	0	,, 21,	90	0	0	44	0	0	24	0	0
,, 8,	70	13	4	50	0	0	54	6	8	,, 21,	94	0	0	48	0	0	24	0	0
,, 14,	30	10	8	21	19	6	23	8	0	,, 21,	72	0	0	43	0	0	25	0	0
,, 7,	53	6	8	33	6	8	33	6	8	,, 21,	80	0	0	60	0	0	20	0	0
,, 7,	31	0	0	28	0	0	18	0	0	,, 23,	93	0	0	58	0	0	18	0	0
,, 10,	40	0	0	33	6	8	30	0	0	,, 22,	66	13	4	45	0	0	18	0	0
,, 9,	50	0	0	28	0	0	28	0	0	,, 21,	72	0	0	43	0	0	16	0	0
,, 8,	50	0	0	36	0	0	30	0	0	,, 22,	90	0	0	60	0	0	18	0	0
,, 7,	54	0	0	44	0	0	30	0	0	,, 21,	90	0	0	60	0	0	26	0	0
,, 7,	77	6	8	46	0	0	54	0	0	,, 24,	100	0	0	64	0	0	30	0	0
,, 10,	48	0	0	36	0	0	36	0	0	,, 22,	80	0	0	48	0	0	20	0	0

VII.—TABLE SHOWING REVENUE DERIVED FROM LET OF CUSTOMS, DUTIES, &c., LEVIABLE BY THE TOWN COUNCIL.

PART I.—1667-84.

	Bridge.	Burrowsgate or Port.	Tron.	Shore mail and Anchorage.	Pecks and Firlots.	Gait dichtings and Ladle duty.	Fish shambles.	Reik maill and stallage.	Fishing of Water of Forth.	Impost of Malt.	Meal market, Pecks, Ladles, and New Impositions.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1667, Nov. 9,	560	560	200	33⅓	160	200	80	8	460	140	—
1668, ,, 10,	760	636⅔	200	33⅓	146⅔	160	80	8	359	140	—
1669, ,, ,,	840	733⅓	200	33⅓	110	133⅓	80	...	373⅓	140	—
1670, ,, ,,	733⅓	633⅓	200	33⅓	136⅔	133⅓	60	6	373⅓	140	—
1671, ,, ,,	870	733⅓	266⅔	33⅓	250	303⅓	96⅔	6	376⅔	140	—
1672, ,, 9	813⅓	700	266⅔	56⅔	190	233⅓	100	6	336⅔	140	—
1673, ,, 10	813⅓	666⅔	310	33⅓	216⅔	253⅓	100	6	300	140	—
1674, ,, ,,	813⅓	666⅔	296⅔	42	223⅓	466⅔	166⅔	6	333⅓	140	—
1675, ,, ,,	1,076⅔	876⅔	356⅔	66⅔	220	610	170	6	406⅔	140	—
1676, ,, 9,	986⅔	566⅔	200	33⅓	203⅓	266⅔	66⅔	7	400	140	—
1677, ,, 10,	986⅔	566⅔	200	33⅓	173⅓	200⅓	80	7	333⅓	140	—
1678, ,, 9,	...	866⅔	200	33⅓	173⅓	200⅓	93⅓	7	326⅔	140	—
1679, ,, 10,	666⅔	533⅓	270	33⅓	196⅔	270	66⅔	7⅓	313⅓	143⅓	—
1680, ,, 10,	666⅔	533⅓	270	100	166⅔	270	80	7⅓	313⅓	143⅓	—
1681, ,, 10,	533⅓	533⅓	400	50	...	...	80	...	337⅓	143⅓	690[1]
1682, ,, 9,	533⅓	533⅓	486⅔	50	...	...	80	...	320	143⅓	690
1683, ,, 10,	800	666⅔	403⅓	40	...	...	80	3	336⅔	143⅓	600
1684, ,, 10,	1,003⅓	663⅓	480	30	...	...	50	4½	336⅓	133⅓[2]	640

[1] The following acts were passed by the Town Council in November, 1681 and 1682:—

"7 *November*, 1681.—The proveist, bailies, and counsell, haveing at lenth considered the maltmens opinion anent the bringeing in of the beare to the mercatt to be sold, and also considering the great expensais the toun has bein at in buildeing and makeing of ane maill mercat, they have thought fitt that the bringeing of the grains afterspecifeit to that place and payeing the impostitions therupon in manner underwrittin will doe advantage to the toun and make up some of their expensais, and therfoir they ordain that upon Friday next, and in all tyme comeing, the haill corne, malt, peese, and beanes, to be brought to this brugh and sold theirin, shall come to the said place now called the maill mercatt. and each seck of maill, malt, peese, and beanes shall pay for their doun setting and roume in the said mercatt twell pennies Scottis, by and attour the former dewes, and the corne to pay as formerlie; and which imposition upon the seck of maill, malt, peese, and beanes is to be joyned to the tack of the peckis. And als have ordained that noe maltman nor others buy any beare befoir it be brought to the said place called the maill mercatt (noblemen and gentilmens fermes excepted). Or if they buy any in the countrie that they bring at least ane bag therof to the said mercatt place. And that each six furlots of beare, alswelll brought in as not brought in, pay twentie pennies Scottis in satisfaction of all dewes at the said maill mercatt. And this imposition to be joyned to the tack of the laidle. And that noe neighbour buy malt from persones outwith this burgh whill it com to the said mercatt place on the Wedinsday or Friday, the ordinar mercatt dayes, and pay the foirnamit new imposition. And the selling of corne in the said mercatt is to begin at nyn houres in the morneing, and of all other graines at twell houres."

"9 *November*, 1682.—The magistrats and councill having explained the exception of noblimen and gentilmens fermes, exeimed frae the new imposition upon the victuall to be brought to the maill mercatt, they find that the exception is onlie of those who have at least ane thousand pund Scotts or ten chalder of victuall."

[2] In 1685 "The merk on the boll of malt, the half merk upon ilk boll in name of multore, and the impost, all sett to William Houstoune, cordiner, for ane yeir for £5,000." In 1686, "in respect that the merk on the boll of malt, half merk of multore, and impost, could not be sett, and that noe persone wold offer therfor, they appoint the same to be collectit weekly." After this the impost does not appear in the annual let of customs.

VII.—TABLE SHOWING REVENUE DERIVED FROM LET OF CUSTOMS, DUTIES, &c., LEVIABLE BY THE TOWN COUNCIL.

PART II.—1685-1718.

	Bridge.	Burrowsgate, or Port.	Tron.	Shore maill and Anchorage.	Fish shambles.	Reik maill and stallage.	Fishing of Water of Forth.	Meal market, Pecks, Ladles, and New Impositions.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1685, Nov. 10,	933⅓	666⅔	433⅓	30	80	2 8/10	340	666⅔
1686, ,, 10,	800	600	400	30	100	5	346⅔	500[1]
1687, ,, 10,	733⅓	533⅓	440	30	80	3⅓	363⅓	430
1688, ,, 10,	733⅓	533⅓	440	30	106⅔	3⅓	Not let	430
1689, ,, 18,	533⅓	533⅓	440	30	93⅓	3⅓	300	430
1690, ,, 10,	533⅓	533⅓	410	30	66⅔	3⅓	246⅓	430
1691, ,, 10,	600	540	443⅓	30	103⅓	3⅓	233⅓	400
1692, ,, 10,	733⅓	600	433⅓	20	60	3⅓	196⅔	366⅔
1693, ,, 11,	800	566⅔	433⅓	20	40	3⅓	200	333⅓
1694, ,, 10,	1,080	666⅔	366⅔	20	80	3⅓	166⅔	470
1695, ,, 2,	733⅓	600	366⅔	20	113⅓	3⅓	233⅓	373⅓
1696, ,, 10,	1,000	693⅓	480	20	133⅓	3⅓	233⅓	690
1697, ,, 10,	933⅓	683⅓	366⅔	20	106⅔	3⅓	233⅓	533⅓
1698, ,, 10,	933⅓	730	483⅓	20	147⅔	3⅓	203⅓	533⅓
1699, ,, 9,	1,166⅔	600	366⅔	20	73⅓	3⅓	154⅓	740
1700, ,, 9,	1,000	633⅓	476⅔	20	100	3⅓	154⅓	666⅔
1701, ,, 10,	1,000	600	466⅔	20	86⅔	3⅓	136⅔	466⅔
1702, ,, 10,	800	640	366⅔	20	50	3⅓	146⅔	556⅔
1703, ,, 10,	933⅓	740	333⅓	20	60	3⅓	120	546⅔
1704, ,, 9,	866⅔	700	300	20	63	3⅓	110	560
1705, ,, 10,	733⅓	670	333⅓	20	63	3⅓	113⅓	563⅓
1706, ,, 9,	733⅓	640	343⅓	20	66⅔	3⅓	96	406⅔
1707, ,, 10,	733⅓	683⅓	340	27	68⅔	3⅓	80	400
1708, ,, 10,	733⅓	716⅔	266⅔	18	68⅔	3⅓	72	533⅓
1709-14,	The	lets for	1709-14	are not	recorded.			
1715, Nov. 10,	733⅓	600	313⅓	20	44	3⅓	80	600
1716, ,, 10,[2]								

[1] In 1686, and subsequent years, there is excepted from the New Impositions "the bear that the maltmen neighbours buyes from the country," they having compounded therefor by agreeing to pay £70 Scots yearly.

[2] The meal mercate, bridge, borrowsgate, trone, fishing of the Water of Forth, fish shambles and shore maill, with double customs of the four yearly fairs, set for three years from November, 1716, for 4,900 merks or £3,266 13s. 4d. Scots yearly.

VII.—TABLE SHOWING REVENUE DERIVED FROM LET OF CUSTOMS, DUTIES, &c., LEVIABLE BY THE TOWN COUNCIL.

PART III.—1719-51.

	Bridge, with double custom of 4 fairs	Burrowsgate, with double custom of 4 fairs.	Tron.	Shore mail and Anchorage.	Fish shambles.	Reik maill and stallage.	Fishing of Water of Forth.	Meal market, Pecks, Ladles, and New Impositions.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1719, Nov. 10,	1,333⅓*	933⅓	333⅓	30	73⅓	3⅓	...	533⅓
1720, ,, 10,	1,333⅓	933⅓	333⅓	30	73⅓	3⅓	233⅓	466⅔
1721, ,, 10, 11,	1,416⅔	933⅓	333⅓	30	76⅔	3⅓	144	473⅓
1722, ,, 8, 10,	1,633⅓	933⅓	333⅓	66	96⅔	3⅓	168	636⅔
1723, ,, 9,	1,416⅔	933⅓	303⅓	66	70	3⅓	151	626⅔
1724, ,, 10,	1,400	933⅓	303⅓	48	84⅓	3⅓	181	400
1725, ,, 10,	1,400	900	303⅓	84	66⅔	3⅓	156	596⅔
1726, ,, 8,	1,400	900	303⅓	105	66⅔	3⅓	166	433⅓
1727, ,, 9,	1,666⅔	900	300	98	70	3⅓	190	600
1728, ,, 9,	1,400	900	300	90	73	3⅓	168	576⅔
1729, ,, 10,	1,400	900	280	72	66⅔	3⅓	333⅓	536⅔
1730, ,, 10,	1,673⅓	900	280	60	66⅔	3⅓	225	400
1731, ,, 9,	1,333⅓	900	286	68	93⅓	3⅓	340	533⅓
1732, ,, 9,	1,333⅓	900	280	60	66⅔	3⅓	240	433⅓
1733, ,, 10,	1,366⅔	900	280	63	66⅔	3⅓	303⅓	473⅓
1734, ,, 9,	1,406⅔	900	280	60	83⅓	3⅓	310	506⅔
1735, ,, 10,	1,506⅔	900	266⅔	87⅓	86⅔	3⅓	293⅓	606⅔
1736, ,, 10,	1,333⅓	900	220	93⅓	83⅓	3⅓	240	533⅓
1737, ,, 10,	1,433⅓	900	220	80	83⅓	3⅓	266⅔	480
1738, ,, 9,	1,433⅓	900	220	70	70	3⅓	266⅔	480
1739, ,, 10,	1,606⅔	1,006⅓	220	106⅔	77⅔	3⅓	286⅔	600

* Bridge, &c., dues in 1719 includes Fishings of the Forth.

VII.—TABLE SHOWING REVENUE DERIVED FROM LET OF CUSTOMS, DUTIES, &c., LEVIABLE BY THE TOWN COUNCIL.

PART III.—1719-51—*Continued.*

	Bridge, with double custom of 4 fairs.	Burrowsgate, with double custom of 4 fairs.	Tron.	Shore Mail and Anchorage.	Fish Shambles.	Reik Maill and Stallage.	Fishing of Water of Forth.	Meal market, Pecks, Ladles, and New Impositions.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1740, Nov. 8,	1,433⅓	900	220	113⅓	70	3⅓	313⅓	740
1741, ,, 10,	1,433⅓	953⅓	220	72	70	3⅓	270	706⅔*
1742, ,, 9,	1,513⅓	953⅓	220	60	70	...	226⅔	600
1743, ,, 10,	1,680	1,020	220	48	66⅔	...	192	466⅔
1744, ,, 10,	1,606⅔	1,020	220	54⅔	103⅓	...	192	...
1745, ,, 9,	1,333⅓	900	220	103	116⅔	...	213⅓	693⅓
1746, ,, 10,	1,366⅔	900	220	104	110	...	223⅓	866⅓
1747, ,, 10,	1,206⅔	1,186⅔	220	97	110	...	266⅔	666⅔
1748, ,, 10,	1,572	1,212	220	84	115	...	433⅓	670
1749, ,, 11,	1,680	1,173⅓	240	72	140	...	493⅓	666⅔
1750, ,, 10,	1,866⅔	1,353⅓	220	186	143	...	360	840
1751, ,, 9,	1,613⅓	1,200	230	207	144	...	366	840

* See act 10 Nov., 1741 (p. 261), converting ladle custom into money.

VIII.—TABLE SHOWING PRICES FIXED BY, OR ON THE INSTRUCTIONS OF, THE PROVOST, BAILIES, AND COUNCIL.

DATE.	Malt, the boll.[1]	Ale, the pint.	Wheat, the boll.	Weight of 1s. good wheat bread.	Fine wheat oats, the peck.	Kerse corn, the peck.	Dryfield oats, the peck.	Straw and stable fee for 24 hours.	Tauch, or tallow, the stone.	Candle, the pound.
	£ s. d.	s. d.	£ s. d.	oz. drops gr.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	£ s. d.	s. d.
1667, December 19,	5 6 8	1 2	8 0 0	14 0 0	5 10	4 6	2 6	6 0	2 13 4	4 0
1668, November 26,	5 0 0	1 2	6 13 4	17 0 0	4 7	3 4	2 1	3 0	2 10 0	3 8
1670, December 1,	5 0 0	1 2	8 0 0	14 0 0	2 0	3 0	2 0	4 0	2 6 8	3 4
1672, ,, 21,	5 10 0	1 4	8 10 0	13 2 0	5 5	3 4	2 6	4 0	2 3 4	3 2
1673, ,, 1,	5 0 0	1 2	8 0 0	14 0 0	5 5	3 4	2 6	4 0	2 3 4	3 4
1676, November 16,	4 13 4	1 2	6 13 4	16 0 0	5 0	3 4	2 6	3 0	2 13 4	3 10
1678, January 1,	...	..	8 0 0	14 0 0	4 0	3 4	2 2	3 4	2 16 0	4 0
,, November 13,	4 0 0	1 0	7 0 0	16 0 0	4 2	3 2	1 2	3 4	2 16 0	4 0
1682, March 21,	5 0 0	...	8 0 0	14 0 0	6 8	3 4	5 0	6 0	2 4 0	3 4
1683, January 11,	[2]...	...	7 0 0	14 0 0	6 3	3 4	4 2	4 0	2 0 0	3 0
1684, November 13,	...	...	8 13 4	13 11 0	5 0	3 0	4 2	3 0	2 6 8	3 5
1686, ,, 23,	...	...	8 0 0	14 0 0	6 4	3 4	5 0	4 0	2 10 0	3 8
1687, ,, 8,	...	...	8 0 0	14 0 0	6 0	3 4	5 0	4 0	2 6 8	3 4
1688, ,, 12,	...	...	7 0 0	15 0 0	6 0	3 4	5 0	4 0	2 10 0	3 8
1689, December 24,	...	...	9 0 0	12 0 0	7 6	5 0	6 6	5 0	2 10 0	3 8
1690, November 22,	...	...	10 0 0	14 0 0	8 4	6 4	7 4	5 0	2 6 8	3 4
1692, ,, ,,	...	...	8 10 0	13 2 0	5 0	4 0	4 0	3 4	2 8 0	3 6
1694, January 25,	...	...	9 0 0	12 0 0	5 4	4 6	4 6	4 0	2 16 0	4 0
,, December 4,	...	...	11 0 0	10 3 0	6 8	5 6	6 3	4 0	2 16 0	4 0
1695, November 26,	...	...	12 10 0	8¾ 3 0	9 0	6 8	7 6	5 0	3 10 0	4 8
1696, ,, 26,	...	...	10 0 0	11 3 0	8 4	6 0	6 0	4 0	2 13 4	3 9
1697, December 7,	...	...	11 10 0	9½ 3 0	7 0	5 0	5 0	4 0	2 8 0	3 6
1698, ,, 22,	...	...	...	...	11 3	8 4	11 3	7 0	2 13 4	3 9
1699, ,, 2,	...	...	15 0 0	7¼ 3 0	10 0	7 6	8 4	6 0	2 16 0	3 11
1700, November 7,	...	...	9 0 0	12¼ 11 0	6 8	5 0	5 10	4 0	2 18 0	4 0
1701, ,, 15,	...	...	7 10 0	14¾ 3 0	5 5	4 2	4 0	4 0	3 6 8	4 6

[1] In addition to the price, £1 6s. 8d. of excise duty is payable on each boll of malt.

[2] 4 Jany., 1683.—Appoyntis the multur of the malt frae Munday nixt to be conform to the pryce of seavin pund the boll, and soe to continow whill recalled be the magistrats and councill. 22 Oct., 1683.—Ordained to be at £5 the boll.

VIII.—TABLE SHOWING PRICES FIXED BY, OR ON THE INSTRUCTIONS OF, THE PROVOST, BAILIES, AND COUNCIL—*Continued.*

Date.	Wheat, the boll.			Weight of 1s. good wheat bread.			Fine wheat oats, the peck.		Kerse corn, the peck.		Dryfield oats, the peck.		Straw and stable fee for 24 hours.		Tauch, or tallow, the stone.			Candle, the pound.	
	£	s.	d.	oz.	dr.	gr.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	s.	d.
1702, November 7,	9	10	0	11¾	0	0	6	4	5	0	6	4	4	0	2	13	4	3	10
1703, October 30,	8	10	0	13	11	0	6	4	5	0	6	4	4	0	2	10	0	3	8
1704, November 25,	8	13	4	13	10	0	6	3	5	0	5	0	4	0	2	2	0	3	2
1705, October 13,	7	10	0	14¾	3	0	5	10	5	0	5	6	5	0	2	2	0	3	2
1706, ,, 29,	5	0	0	22¼	11	0	4	6	4	6	4	6	3	6	2	0	0	3	0
1707, ,, 29,	8	0	0	14	0	0	4	8	3	4	4	8	4	0	2	4	0	3	2
1708, November 6,	9	0	0	12¼	2	0	6	8	5	8	6	3	5	0	2	6	8	3	4
1709, ,, 12,	12	10	0	8¾	3	0	7	6	5	10	7	1	4	0	2	6	8	3	4
1711, February 6,	9	10	0	11¾	0	0	7	6	6	3	7	1	5	0	2	13	4	4	3
,, December 1,	8	0	0	14	0	0	5	10	4	0	5	0	5	0	2	13	4	4	3
1713, November 14,	9	6	8	11	13	0	5	10	4	5	5	10	4	0	3	14	0	4	0
1714, ,, 27,	8	10	0	13	2	0	6	0	6	0	6	0	6	0	2	13	4	4	0
1716, February 18,	10	10	0	10	10	0	7	0	6	4	7	0	6	0	2	13	4	4	4
1717, March 2,	10	0	0	11	3	0	5	6	4	2	5	0	4	6	3	9	0	4	4
,, October 19,	9	0	0	12	1	11	6	4	4	6	5	8	4	6	3	4	8	4	6
1719, ,, 31,	8	10	0	13	11	0	7	0	5	6	6	4	5	6	3	0	0	4	6
1720, November 5,	8	10	0	13	11	0	6	8	5	0	6	0	5	6	2	16	0	4	6
1721, ,, 11,	7	10	0	14	11	0	5	0	4	0	5	0	5	0	2	16	0	4	6
1724, February 29,	10	0	0	11	3	0	8	0	5	6	7	0	6	0	...			...	
,, November 21,	9	0	0	12	6	0	6	0	4	0	5	0	4	0	2	6	0	4	2
1725, ,, 13,	11	10	0	9	11	0	6	8	5	0	5	6	4	0	2	13	0	4	6
1727, December 9,	11	10	0	9	11	0	7	0	6	0	6	6	5	0	2	13	0	4	6
1728, October 26,	11	10	0	9	11	3	7	6	6	6	7	0	5	0	2	17	0	4	10
1729, November 15,	10	0	0	11	3	0	6	8	6	3	5	0	4	0	3	2	0	5	0
1730, ,, 14,	8	0	0	14	0	0	6	6	5	0	6	0	...		3	3	0	5	0
1731, December 2,	8	0	0	14	0	0	5	0	5	0	5	6	4	0	3	0	0	4	10
1732, November 25,	7	0	0	16	0	0	5	10	5	0	5	6	4	0	3	0	0	4	10
1733, November 24,	9	0	0	12	1	2	6	0	5	0	5	0	4	0	2	12	0	4	6

VIII.—TABLE SHOWING PRICES FIXED BY, OR ON THE INSTRUCTIONS OF, THE PROVOST, BAILIES, AND COUNCIL—*Continued.*

DATE.	Wheat, the boll.	Weight of 1s. good wheat bread.	Fine wheat oats, the peck.	Kerse corn, the peck.	Dryfield oats, the peck.	Straw and stable fee for 24 hours.	Tauch, or tallow, the stone.	Candle, the pound.	AMSTERDAM WEIGHT.		
									Oat and bear straw, the stone.	Pease and beans straw, the stone.	Wheat or bear straw for thatch, the stone.
	£ s. d.	oz. dr. gr.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	£ s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
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1742, February 9,	10 0 0	11 3 0	7 0	5 6	6 6	4 0	...	...	2 0	2 6	3 0
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GLOSSARY.[1]

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ADOES, ADOIS (300, 382), affairs, concerns, duties, business.
ALLACAY (384), a lackey, attendant.
ALMOUS HOUSE (99), alms-house.
AMIT (7), to lose, cast away, forfeit.
ANKER SILVER (385), anchorage dues.
ANSENZIE (388), an ensign, banner, also written *handsenzie*.
APPOINTING (380), fitting out, furnishing, renovating.

BAAK. (See Baulk.)
BABIES (76), halfpennies.
BACKFILL (306-7), to fill up, to replace what has been dug out; also, to mound, bank, or strengthen a wall.
BAGGONETTS (131), BALGONETS (139), bayonets.
BANDELIRE (312), BANDOLAR (389), an ammunition belt.
BANK (171, 174), ruff or roll of drum; also, public notice given by tuck of drum.
BATT (364), a socket for holding a hook or staple, or other holdfast.
BATT (343), to fix a hook or staple in its socket.
BAULK (394), BAAK (306), BALK (380), a beam for weighing: "*baak and brods*," beam and scales.
BEALL (241), bail, security.
BEG STONE (189), cope-stone, the crown or top stone of a wall or pier.
BEIT (299), to mend, repair.
BIRTH BRIEFF (343-5), more commonly called a *borbrieve*, a formal certificate of descent.
BLOCKHEAD (302), the sponge or sweep for a cannon.
BLOW (189), to blast with powder.
BLOWN FLESH (135), flesh that has been inflated to improve its appearance.
BLUE COATS (12), a name given to the militia in Stirling.
BOAL (107), a recess, wall-press, repository.
BODE (212), a bid or offer for an article under sale or roup.
BOG (223), a bug.
BOURLAWMEN (127), BURLAMEN (232), burgh-law-men, men skilled in the laws and rights of the burgh.
BOWATT (326), a lantern.
BOX MONEY (154), contribution to the funds of a society.
BRAE LAND (120), brewhouse, brewery.
BRANKET (320), set in or fitted with the branks, which was a sort of bridle for scolds.
BROATCHED (13), rough-hewn. (See Broche in Jam.)
BROD, BROAD (240), board or shutter for a window.
BRODS (306), wooden scales for weighing. (See Baulk.)
BRUNT. (See Burn.)
BUFF (173), to stuff, upholster, cushion.
BURN (189), to blast with powder; *burnt*, *brunt*, blasted, p. 222.

[1] Interpretations given in the Glossary appended to the last volume are not repeated here.

BUST (313), a box, case, package.
BY (382), past, gone, beyond.

CANS (128), form of *cannes*, canvas, sailcloth, sacking.
CARRIADGES (234), packages, barrels, or bales.
CARTELL (383), lit. a little card: a challenge to duel.
CARTING (319). *Carting through the town*, carrying through the town in a cart, and so exposing the person to the jeers, jibes, and contempt of the people. In olden times thieves and vagabonds were so punished.
CARVIE (328), a confection consisting of caraway seeds coated with sugar.
CHAINGED (324), err. for *chainyed*, chained or linked together.
CIVILIZER (94-6), overseer of the manners and morals of the community.
CLAPP (75), a clapper or small hand-bell.
CLOUS (302, 304), a sluice: applied both to the sluice for the trenches round the burgh, and to a trench.
COAD (171), cover for a bolster or pillow; also, a bolster or pillow.
COBB (79), a Spanish coin worth about 4s. 8d.
COCKSTOOLL (126, 152), cucking-stool, stool of penance for scolds and prostitutes.
COMBAR (228), prob. a connecting rod.
COMMISSIONAT (98), to commission, appoint, empower.
COMMON PIPER. (See Piper.)
CORDICIDERON (94), cortecitrone, citron-peel.
CORSLAT (383), a corselet, breastplate.
COUP, COWP (137), to buy and sell, deal in, bargain for.
COW (342-3), to crop, cut short: *cowed in the head*, having the hair cropped.
CREAM (206), to expose for sale on the public street or highway.
CREILMEN (382), hawkers, travelling merchants who carried their goods in creels.
DARGSMEN (175), workmen, jobbers.
DEAD BELL (124), the passing bell. In p. 366 Dead Hand Bell.
DEAD EARNEST (219), pledge or warranty.
DEPUTATION (79), authority to act as deputy.
DESSAVER (381), deceiver, cheat.
DISPERSONE (381), to defame, abuse, dishonour.
DOYT (328), a doit, a small copper coin said to be worth one penny Scots, or one-twelfth of an English penny.
DRYSTER (141), a drier of grain in a kiln.

EDICAUNG (354), an aide-de-camp.
EGYPTIAN (321), a gypsy, a fortune-teller.
EIK (379), to join, add to: *eikit*, joined, adjoined.
EXEME (76), to exempt.
EXPECTANT (6), a probationer, a licensed but unordained minister.

FEAD (95), feud, ill-will.
FEIZE-NAIL (350), a screw-nail.
FIALL, FIALLS (182), fees, wages, payment.
FITFAILLS (383), footfalls, *i.e.*, dropt lambs: also, the skins of such lambs.
FITT MANTLE (328), a foot mantle, a trapping worn by horses on occasions of state, such as the riding to Parliament.
FLAKES (243), FLAIKS (382), boards or stands for exposing goods for sale.
FLANKERS (162), projections.
FLIGHTER (357), to pinion or bind a prisoner.
FOG (319), moss used for closing the seams in the sarking or roof of a house: also, the turf used for covering the ridge of a thatched roof.
FOREGAINST (76), opposite.
FORESTAIRS (293), outside or projecting stairs.
FRENZIE (32), fringe.
FULYIE (136), dung, ordure, filth.

FURTH AND AFTER (116), thereafter, on and after.

GAIT (383), a goat.
GAIT DIGHTING (299), lit. sweeping of the streets: certain dues payable to the town for that purpose.
GARROW NAILS (335), more commonly called *garron nails*, large spike nails.
GATE PENNY (154), an impost on merchants and dealers entering a market.
GENEVA (264), gin; also called English brandy.
GLASSINWRIGHT (320), a glazier.
GOAD (112), an iron rod with rings attached, to which prisoners were fastened: *foot in the goad*, fettered, put in fetters.
GOOSE RACE (108), a sport of olden times. From a beam or rope stretched across the race course a goose with well-soaped neck and head was suspended by the legs; and the riders in passing it, one after another at full gallop, strove to grasp and wrench off the head of the bird. The one who carried off the head won the race and got the goose. The last of these races was run about the close of last century.
GROTTS (261), groats, corn prepared for grinding.
GUDGEONS (199), pivot or axle rests in machinery.
GUN MONEY (323), payment or contribution for the purchase of muskets.

HANDSENZIE (388), an ensign, banner.
HANDY (359), a hand-ladle, skimmer.
HARLING (356), hurling, dragging, drawing.
HEARTH MONEY (341), a tax paid to the Crown by each household: it was also called *reek mail* and *King's mail*.
HERRIE WATER (76), a kind of net for fish.
HINGING LOCK (357), a padlock.
HOBOY (354), a hautboy.
HOLE (234), to dig, grub, or root out.
HOLL (112), a prison-cell. (See Thieve-Holl.)
HUDDRON, HUTHERIN (10), a young cow, one under four years of age; also, grown or fed veal, p. 135.

INARMIT (378), armed, or provided with arms.

JAMM (212), a small room added to a house previously built.
JOGS (95), a kind of pillory. (See Jam.)
JUG, JOG (113), the Stirling jug or standard Scotch pint.

KAIL (128), for KELL, KELLS, netting, nets.
KERSEMILN (147), a mill for grinding kerse or carse grain.
KNAPOLD, KNAPPLE (348), oakwood cut in lengths.
KNOCKMAN (335), the keeper of the town-clocks.

LADLE (31), an impost on grain, a petty custom.
LAWBURROWS (387), security for one's person and property.
LAWEING (30), reckoning, charge, payment.
LEAD (305), a horse-load, also a cart-load. Another form is *laid*.
LEATHER (367), a ladder.
LETRON (90), the reading desk in church.
LETTERS BODLES (174), small Dutch coins, also called doits.
LEWER (10), udder of a cow.
LIMON (353), a lemon.
LOAD SADDLE (111), a pack-saddle, or saddle for a pack-horse.
LOUPING-ON STONE (347), a stone erected to assist riders in mounting on horseback.
LOW (157), to allow, permit; also, to lower, lessen, p. 178.

LYK-WAKE, LYKWAK (342), a wake or watching of the dead.

MEARE (306), a tress or tressle, such as masons use in building.
MEET (200), well-made, close-fitting, made to measure.
MEITH (189), measure, measurement.
MIALE (13), mail or rent.
MIDLE (205), meddle.
MOYEAN (99), help, assistance, device.

OBIT (318), funeral celebration: also, a payment made to the priest when a death occurred.
OMNIGATHERUM (6), mechanics and others not belonging to the class of merchants or incorporated craftsmen.
ORANGE SKINS (325), orange peel.
ORDINAR (11), a pensioner or resident in an hospital.
OUTENTOUNES (87), suburban, living beyond the bounds of the burgh.
OUTSHOT (293), projection.

PACE (330), more commonly *pais*, a weight: *streking pace*, the weight which enables a clock to strike the hours.
PARTIZAN (30), a kind of pike or halbert.
PATRONTASH (139), belt for holding cartridges.
PEAXE (378), Pace, Easter.
PENNY BRIDLE (13), a wedding at which the guests paid for their entertainment: also called a *penny wedding*, p. 30.
PICK (389), a pike.
PINSELL (388), a pensel, streamer.
PIPER, THE COMMON (12-13), the town-minstrel or musician.
PLACAD (111), placard.
POCK NET (76), a bag net.

QUAT (5), QUATE (353), quitted, ceased, abated.

RED (351), to clear, clean out.
REEK MEALL (120), reek mail, a hearth-tax imposed on each family.
REID (378), a raid or armed expedition.
REPEIRILIT (378), apparelled, clothed.
RIDING THE MARCHES (333), perambulating the boundaries of the burgh, a ceremony which was performed yearly by the magistrates and the burlawmen for the purpose of examining and verifying the landmarks.
RIGGING (124), ridge of a house.
RIMB (326), a ream, as of paper.
RING RACE (111), a foot-race over a circular course: also, a horse race in which each rider was provided with a pointed rod, with which he strove when at full gallop to prick and carry off a ring.
RUINENT (379), ruinous, extravagant.

SAIFFER (311), reward for finding or safe-keeping.
SARGE (125), serge, a woollen cloth.
SARKED (288), covered with sarking, roofed.
SCAIL (114), to pour out, spend, spill.
SCAILYIE (100), SKAILYIE (288), slate, slates.
SCHOIRGAITS (383), shoreways, streets or roads leading to the shore or harbour.
SCHOOLAGE (87), school fees.
SCOTS DOMINIE (340), master of the Scotch school, as the English department was called in opposition to the Rector's school or Classical department.
SEA WALLS (388). The colours of the ensign were to be set or arranged *in sea walls*, *i.e.*, in the form or manner of sea-walls, which in heraldry is called *murallée* or walled.
SEY (235), short for *assay*, sample of a craftsman's work: *sey-master*, inspector of *seys* or samplers.
SHECKLE (357), a shackle for hands or feet.

SHILL (261), to sheal or shell grain, to prepare it for grinding.
SHOAR MEALL (120), shore-mail, shore dues.
SKALYIE (308), SKELLIE (348), slate. (See Scailyie.)
SKELLET BELL (124), a small hand-bell used by the town-crier: originally a cast-iron bell or clapper.
SLADE (341), SLED, SLID (356), a kind of sledge, small hurley, low barrow.
SLOTTED IN THE CRAIG (135), slit or cut in the neck.
STAFFE (389), rest for a musket.
STAFFMAN (325, 335), inflictor of corporal punishment, scourger; and latterly a name for the hangman or executioner, probably because he acted in both capacities.
STIFFEN (302), a name applied to starch, gum, glue.
STOUPE (108), post, pillar.
STRINGS (99), strips of black cloth worn as mournings; a mourning band for a hat is still called a *string*.
SUASHER (324-5), a drummer: *swash* being an old name for a drum.
SWORD SLIPPER (131), cutler or dresser of sword blades.
SYVOURS (247), sewers, gutters.

TARLEATHERS (135), strips cut from the edges of hides or skins.
TATTOW (112), TAPTOW (335), tattoo, the evening call to quarters.
TAYLED (249), tiled, covered with tiles.
THEAN (327), a thane, fane, or weather-cock.
THIEVES HOLE (112), dark cell for prisoners, innermost cell.
THIRLE (213), bondage: also, right or claim of bondage. Also, to astrict.
THRAFE, THRAVE (363-4), twenty-four sheaves.
THUMIKINS (338), thumbscrew, an instrument of torture.
TIRRED (338), shaken, riven, rent.
TOD (383), a fox.
TOUCK. (See Tuck.)
TOWBUITH, TOWBUTH (318-9), tolbooth, prison.
TRACES (273), tresses, tressels.
TRAVALIE (112), the arousal or morning call to labour.
TROAN (265), the tron or public weigh-house.
TUCK, TOUCK (248), beat, roll, sound.
TWILING (244), tweeling, a kind of cotton cloth
TYLDE (382), to cover, canopy: *tyldit*, covered, roofed, tented.
TYMPAN (162), an ornament under an arch or doorway.

UPCRY (306), to cry up: '*upcrying the money*,' raising the value of the currency, also, publishing or notifying a rise in its value.

VISIT (378), to inspect, examine, test.
VIVERS (137), victuals.

WAILED (361), picked, selected.
WAILYEABILL (383), lit. available, good for, worth.
WAIR (299), to spend.
WEY BALK (380), lit. a weigh-beam, a balance.
WINNING SHEET (357), winding-sheet.
WOMELL (359), an instrument for boring, a well-shanker's boring iron.

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